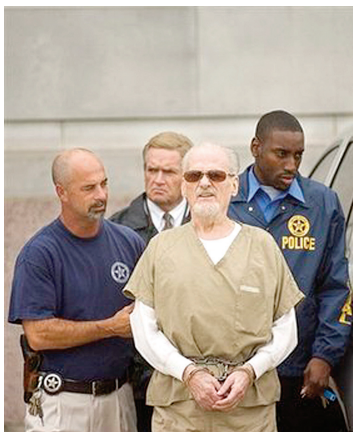




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Evangelist Tony Alamo, center is led from the federal courthouse in downtown Texarkana Ark. Tuesday July 14, 2009 following opening statements in his trial. Alamo is charged with taking underage girls across state lines for sex.

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WORLD NEWS

Honduran president ousted



An army soldier's shield is held up by a stick before the arrival of supporters of Honduras' ousted President Manuel Zelaya before the protesters created a roadblock in Tegucigalpa, Thursday, July 16, 2009. Zelaya was ousted by a military-backed coup in Honduras on June 28.

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Aruban children enjoy a fun filled camp week with Richard Visser



EAGLE- The first few days of kids summer camp was an absolute success. Many parents were wondering what they could do for their children this summer to keep them occupied and Richard Visser had the perfect idea for a summer camp.

The summer camp began this Monday July 13, and runs to August 14, 2009 with an informative, educational and fun- filled free week. The host of the camp is Richard Visser and his team who planned the whole summer camp to keep the children active during school break. The most important part of this camp is health, nutrition and exercise with lots of fun activities to keep these children on a health role.

The children vary in ages from 8-17 from all over the island. Richard has made sure to reach every aspect of nutrition and daily exercise to stimulate the kids for a better life. Richard Visser is very well known on the island as a chiropractic doctor and nutritional health, especially as a Childhood obesity expert. Richard is also known for his Extreme H Games and kids of all ages don't miss out on this event

Dr Visser has helped to author a new national plan to fight against obesity and Aruba is his goal to make sure the children live a healthy and fit life. Richard was moved by how many great healers there are around the



world, both modern and ancient practices and opened up Visser Wellness & Research Center in 1999 in downtown Oranjestad..

It is great to see such an astonishing man reach his goals and is back in the political campaigns in Aruba, he is making his testament of making sure each child learns the importance of health in life with this summer camp and has always reached the children in different organizations, replied Mrs. Henriquez who also stated" My daughter is a volunteer and every morning she wakes up excited to start her day with her team mates."

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Celebrating the 6th year Anniversary

Digicel hosts dinner for local press at Que Pasa Restaurant



ORANJESTAD – Digicel Aruba invited the local press to a special dinner in their honor at the popular Que Pasa Restaurant in downtown Oranjestad. Marketing & Public Relations Manager Wanda Broeksema thanked all of the press for their support over the past 6 years. The new General Manager Bert was also present for the event. Pictured are members of the local media together with personnel

of Digicel Aruba during the thank you dinner. □



Welcome to Curacao ECO DMS



WILLEMSTAD – ECO Destination Management Services had recently expanded its reach to Curacao. Having successfully operated in Aruba for the past 21 years, the company now sees great opportunity in Curacao. To mark the happy occasion ECO DMS is hosting a cocktail party at Kura Hulanda Hotel, on Tuesday, with hoteliers, media and dignitaries in attendance. ECO DMS President and CEO Wichita Villacres, states that the island of Curacao has made significant improvements in recent years. With the opening of large resort properties such as the Renaissance and the Hyatt, and in view of additional investment made by the Marriott and the Avila Beach, for example, tourism in Curacao is now more prepared to welcome group travel, she explains. ECO DMS will complement the Curacao resorts with its expertise in hosting meetings, entertaining

incentives, orchestrating trade shows and delivering

successful conferences & expositions, she says. The ECO DMS team, headed by Sales Manager Janine DeWindt is proud to bring its years of experience in handling anything from transfer services to team building events, tours and theme parties, to Curacao, and the company is determined to become the one-stop source for a memorable motivational experiences on the island. DeWindt, who served for many years as an ambassador of Curacao, and one of the first individuals to represent Curacao 25 years ago at the opening of its office in Holland, states that ECO DMS Curacao is a green company, dedicated to the long-term sustainability of Curacao's tourism product. ECO DMS is prepared to showcase the island, its rich culture and striking beauty to large numbers of visitors while upholding the essential three Rs: Reduce, reuse, and recycle throughout its

daily tours, activities and special events. The international ECO DMS team will be promoting and marketing both Aruba & Curacao as the gems of the Dutch Caribbean, developing preparing & handling incentive corporate trips, in conjunction with international planners, stressing that each island offers similarly exotic yet very different components, designed to create lasting impressions and thrilling adventures. ECO DMS President & CEO Wichita Villacres, who is the international co-chair of the upcoming SITE conference unfolding in Aruba, October 25 to November 4, expressed

her wish to see many of Curacao's hoteliers and tourism executives join the event.

The SITE 2009 IC will bring together top minds in incentive travel, a multi-billion dollar global industry, and Curacao should take advantage of the proximity of the conference to network, meet and connect with the superstars of the industry.

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musicians brought together for this Gala event! This big band will also feature the accomplished trumpet player, George Viguiet, who will be celebrating over 60 years of musicianship in Aruba.

While you are enjoying the retro menu prepared by the resorts culinary team, the maestro and his band will take you back to the 60's with guest performers: Sashiko da Camara: This jazz vocalist came to the Caribbean Hotel in 1963 as a member of the Ralph



Flanegin Big Band. She performed nightly at the Bali Club for three months, and has resided in Aruba ever since. We are proud to have Sashiko as the featured opening act of the evening. Other guest performers

featured with the Caribbean Big Band include Edwin Abath, Placido Hazel, and Amy Mendez.

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Once warmed up, Claudius Philips and OREO will continue with many of Billboard's Top 40 hits from the 80's, 90's, and up to today.

The evening's program includes welcome Bellini & Hors d'oeuvres: 8 pm-8:30 pm; Dinner Service: 8:30 pm; Full Premium Open Bar included.

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Tickets are limited so call today at 526-6612 or 526-6613 to reserve or purchase your ticket. Don't miss this golden moment in time, where we celebrate memories and the worthy cause of the Aruba Scholarship Foundation.

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Pictured here, the press conference and the resort opening in yesteryears. □



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Discussion to continue on Central Bank soon

PHILIPSBURG--A joint Central Bank of St. Maarten and Curaçao has been decided long ago. Now the two island governments have to work out exactly how this regulatory financial institution will work.

Constitutional Affairs Commissioner William Marlin said Wednesday a proposal for a negotiation team on the bank structure would be sent to Curaçao's Constitutional Affairs

Commissioner Zita Jesus-Leito. When the teams for both islands and the Central Bank of the Netherlands Antilles are assembled talks will begin.

While working together has been agreed on, the two soon-to-be countries in the Dutch Kingdom still have to agree on what form of currency will be used - the "Caribbean Guilder" or the US dollar.

Marlin said the global

economic crisis has led to several sections of the community throwing support for dollarization. St. Maarten already has a de facto dollar economy with the US currency widely accepted because of tourism-based economy. Netherlands Antilles Central Bank President Emsley Tromp had prompted dollarization in his speech on the bank's yearly report last week.

Simply jumping on the bandwagon without due diligence was not recommended nor will the dollar be banned, Marlin told the press when asked his take on dollarization.

St. Maarten and Curaçao are destined to become countries within the Dutch



Kingdom by October 2010 as long as the criteria set by the Dutch government are met.

The Netherlands Antilles of five islands will cease

to exist and in its place the two new countries and three Dutch public entities – Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (BES Islands) will emerge. □

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At the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival



ORANJESTAD - Will Bernard, often called 'one of the best-kept jazz guitarists on the planet,' is coming to Aruba to perform at the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival. Will is scheduled to play on Saturday, September 5 on the outside stage of the jazzy village at Cas di Cultura. Among festival organizer Erik Jan Eman's personal favorites, Bernard plays groovy, smooth jazz with a sly twist. "He is superb and I am a great fan of his," says Erik Jan, who is amazed at the hundreds of mails that he gets from performers hailing from all over the world, who are inquiring about coming to play at his festival. Bernard was one of them.

Bernard is a native of California, but he has recently moved to New York. He is not home very often, as he is a touring

artist, and when you look at his schedule, you will be filled with admiration. In June, the guitarist stayed in the US, but July is jam-packed with gigs in France, the UK, Germany and Denmark.

This will be the first time that Will Bernard is playing on Aruba.

Back to his music: there is no specific genre to pinpoint when listening to Will Bernard's music, but it's smooth and cool. He likes to stretch boundaries and cross them, as he proves in several self-produced albums. Blue Plate Special (2008) is Bernard's latest CD.

For more information, please look up www.willbernard.com and you will realize what a top jazz performer has been added to the impressive line-up of the third Caribbean Sea

Jazz Festival on September 4 and 5. The website of Aruba's third Caribbean Jazz Festival is www.caribbeanseajazz.com. Of course, the festival's entire sound and lighting is put up by Eman's Entertainment Group; they recently received a commitment from Heineken for sound and lighting for the upcoming Green Village event after last week's spectacular success. □



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Aruban children enjoy a fun filled camp week with Richard Visser

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Mr. Ronald Stewart enjoys picking up his child every day to listen to his son's fun activities and learning experience. Many others parents are happy to have such a determined man as Richard return into politics and know that Richard can make a change.

The mornings start at 8 am with an exercise to wake up the mind, then the teams get together to enjoy activities. During the whole week summer camp the kids enjoy, beach volleyball, soccer, martial arts, Kendo, street tennis, Zumba and the famous Brazilian Dance 'Capoeira' which everyone enjoys to end their day. In between the sessions everyone gets fresh fruit, water, and juice, for lunch a healthy Subway sandwich. Richard starts his nutritional program at 10 a.m. which is very interesting and the kids can't wait to answer the questions and play the games of health and learn more on the food pyramid, how many hours of T.V, gaming and computer and so much more. This past Wednesday the camp took place at Y.M.C.A. San Nicolas and the children came in numbers to sign up for a fun filled healthy day.

Parents were thanking Richard for his love for the children

that he has within. One mother stated that in less than 20 minutes of riding to the YMCA that other candidates spoke on the radio about the children but she stated I have to say that Richard talks the talk but he walks the walk, meaning Richard is a man of his word.

Richard's slogan for his A.V.P political campaign is "MI SALUD*MI FUTURO"!!! which in English translates to "My Health, My Future with Visser."

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the thought of utilizing some of Aruba's greatest assets; the gentle trade-winds and a breathtaking night sky. Both contributed to a unique island ambiance of this gathering place with a trendy South Beach, Miami, feel. Cozy dining tables and comfy couches allow patrons to linger over a variety of island concoctions



or their favorite exotic martini while enjoying a selection of tapas, which delectably compliment the setting and cocktail menu. Local entrepreneur Kanaan Brou, who developed the concept bar reports that sushi and other oriental specialties can also be



ordered from the House of Japan when it opens. All dishes may be enjoyed in

the al fresco terrace of the South Beach Lounge. South Beach Lounge opens daily at 4:00 p.m. till midnight, Mondays through Fridays, and till the wee hours on weekends. Refresh at the bar after work, or following a long day at the beach, then stroll along Palm Beach's busy strip, or shop at the South Beach Centre boutiques, come back for a bite or delicious dinner, and watch the world go by. South Beach Lounge offers a front row seat! □



Curaçao troupe Caché wins top prize in festival parade

MARIGOT--The visiting troupe Caché from Curaçao emerged winner of the Big (sound system) Band category at the close of the first Caribbean Festival at Alberic Richards Stadium on Tuesday night, walking away with the top prize of 10,000 euros.

The troupe, which presented "Lion King" with amazing costumes and headgear depicting jungle animals, stood apart from the rest of the troupes during the afternoon parade as its members prowled and growled through the streets.

Second in this category was Flamboyant Revellers of St. Martin, and third went to Pikan of Guadeloupe.

St. Martin troupe Locomotiv won the Drums category, Matamba of Guadeloupe was second and Mas Douvan, also of Guadeloupe, took the third spot.

The parade ended at Alberic Richards Stadium, where the troupes were judged for best choreography, which was followed by the prize-giving.

Curaçao was in the prizes again for Best Choreography, tying for first place with Flamboyant Revellers in the Big Band category, while Matamba won Best Choreography in the Drums category.

Summing up the event, CTC President Joel Dormoy said it was a first time experience for the board with no reference guided it, and added that mistakes or misjudgements that might have been made would only strengthen the board's resolve to make next year's festival much better.

He said the board had not had time yet for a debriefing or to look at the books, but predicted the festival would show a financial loss. He said the turnout by the public had been far less than anticipated on all nights, but disagreed that tickets were too expensive.

"Personally I was very satisfied with the event. The technical organisation backstage, bands, security, that all worked very well. The artistes were fantastic on all three nights. You could not fault them in any way, they did their jobs," said Dormoy.

"It was the public that did not respond. We had prepared for about 3,000 people each night, but that tuned out to be more like 700. But overall we had about 5,000 people over the three nights. Festivals like this normally have ticket prices at 30 to 40 euros and our prices were 20 to 25 euros. Besides, we had tickets available in advance for 15 euros."

He said CTC's objective now would be to intensify its marketing of the event on the other islands.

"For the next festival we need to be able to bring a minimum of 3,000 people from each island, so we don't have to depend only on St. Martin. Most of the tourists coming for the festival came from Guadeloupe, plus the media from that island, but that's not enough. We started marketing for this event six months ago but I don't believe that's enough time. We need a year. We already know what has not worked, so we will continue to work towards making it bigger and better next year."

The total budget at CTC's disposal for the event was 350,000 euros, made up of subventions from the Collectivité, St. Martin Tourism Office, Semsamar, Heineken, and others. Dormoy did not give a complete breakdown of the expenses, but explained that it the money had been used for the concerts, communications, advertising, setting up of the village, rental of sound systems and instruments, paying for the bands, hotels, air tickets, etc.

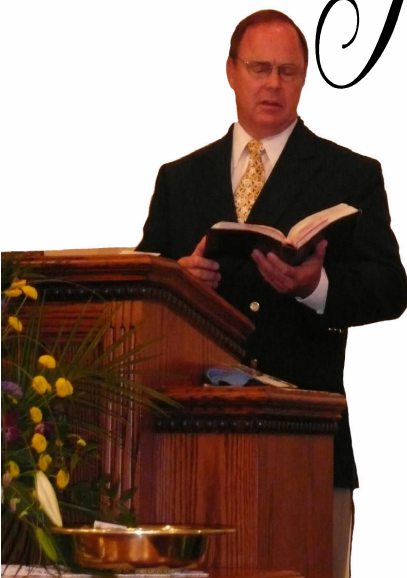
"Destra, for example: getting her here with her band, by the time you have finished she will have cost 18,000 euros and that's just one artiste," he said.

He said the budget for the festival covered had five days, not just three days of concerts.

Discussing the few troupes in the parade, only seven, Dormoy said originally there had been 15, but some had dropped out, mostly because of the expense of travelling to St. Martin. Dropping out were Trinidad, Dominica, St. Kitts, and Anguilla.

"For Trinidad it would have cost \$75,000 to bring a troupe here. For spending that kind of money they wanted to be sure of a return on their investment, and a 10,000 euro prize could not really compensate for that. But next year we will tackle this by approaching the governments or tourism offices on those islands and persuade them to contribute to the troupes' travelling expenses."

Due to the controversy surrounding the decision to hold the parade on Bastille Day, Dormoy said it would be held on a different day next year. It was his opinion that the parade had enhanced the Bastille Day activities, though evidently this was not everybody's opinion. □



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By **TIM PARADIS**,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Investors piled into technology stocks

(AP Photo/Richard Drew) again to extend the market's rally.

Hope for more good earnings from technology

leaders made the industry an attractive bet again Thursday, a day after a strong forecast from chip maker Intel Corp. lifted stocks across the board.

The tech-laden Nasdaq composite index advanced for the seventh straight day and closed at its highest level since October as traders prepared for profit reports from Internet search company Google Inc. and International Business Machines Corp. Both posted better-than-expected profits after the closing bell.

What appeared to be a turn in sentiment from economist and New York University professor Nouriel Roubini also helped lift the market. Reports said Roubini believed the worst of the economy's troubles had past, but in a statement after the close of trading he said his views are unchanged. He doesn't expect the economy to grow this year and still predicts the recession will end early next year.

Traders had welcomed what had appeared to be a turn in his sentiment because

Roubini has been pessimistic about the economy and was one of the few experts to have predicted the global financial crisis.

Some analysts attributed the buying to short-covering, where investors have to buy stock after having earlier sold borrowed shares in a bet that the market would fall. Stocks continued the week's sprint-and-jog play, carving more modest gains after surging the day before. The market surged Monday followed by a flatter day Tuesday.

"There's still concern about the market and concern about the overall economy," said Jon Biele, head of capital markets at Cowen & Co. "But the pessimism is moving to optimism. People certainly want to be in a position to gain from positive momentum."

The jump in stocks this week halted a monthlong slide that came as investors worried that a huge rally in March and April had gone too far as investors hoped for an economic recovery. This week's earnings reports have given investors some of the confirmation that the economy isn't as bad as feared, but they still want to see more evidence of a turnaround.

The Dow rose 95.61, or 1.1 percent, to 8,711.82, its highest close since June 12. The blue chips are now down only 0.7 percent for the year.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.06, or 0.9 percent, to 940.74. The Nasdaq rose 22.13, or 1.2 percent, to 1,885.03, its best finish since Oct. 3.

Bond prices rose, pushing yields lower. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note fell to 3.58 percent from 3.62 percent late Wednesday.

Not all results were good. Nokia Corp., the world's largest cell phone maker, fell \$2.22, or 14.2 percent, to \$13.46 after its second-quarter earnings tumbled 66 percent and it scrapped targets to increase market share this year.

Most results have topped expectations. Reports are due Friday from General Electric Co., Bank of America Corp. and Citigroup Inc. that likely will set the day's tone.

"A lot of traders went into earnings with very low expectations and they are happy the world hasn't fallen apart and we're seeing solid results," said Anthony Conroy, managing director and head trader for BNY ConvergeX Group. "A lot of people that were short are starting to cover because of improved earnings that have come out."

Financial stocks lagged the rest of the market after small-business lender CIT Group Inc. said negotiations with federal regulators about a rescue broke off. Investors are worried the company could file for bankruptcy protection. CIT tumbled \$1.23, or 75 percent, to 41 cents.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. reported big gains in its investment banking business, held back somewhat by loan losses. Its results come two days after Goldman Sachs Group Inc. also topped expectations with much stronger results in underwriting and trading. JPMorgan slipped 13 cents to \$36.13.

Strong earnings from the banks have encouraged investors about the economy. The results also show that many of the nation's biggest banks are recovering from the collapse of credit markets last fall.

Google rose \$4.43, or 1 percent, to \$442.60, while IBM rose \$3.42, or 3.2 percent, to \$110.64. Google lost ground in electronic trading after reporting its results while IBM rose.

The improved data, however, might have been affected by the timing of automobile plant shutdowns.

In other trading, the dollar was mixed against other currencies. Gold prices fell. Benchmark crude rose 48 cents to settle at **\$62.02** a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. □



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Biden challenges GOP on stimulus on Cantor's turf

By BOB LEWIS,

Associated Press Writer

RICHMOND, Va. — Vice President Joe Biden, in the backyard of the House's No. 2 Republican, asked critics of the economic stimulus package Thursday to explain how they would help the struggling economy.

Biden defended the Obama administration's \$787 billion recovery package at a community college in the affluent Richmond suburbs that House Republican Whip Eric Cantor calls home. Cantor pre-emptively renewed the Republican attack, telling reporters in a conference call that the plan will destroy small businesses and deepen unemployment.

Sharing the stage with Richmond's police chief, a local teacher and the owner of a company that makes desserts, Biden credited the recovery package for thawing the credit freeze that stifled loans and left businesses unable to borrow or, in some cases, survive. He said it saved thousands of jobs of public employees, including jobs in schools, fire departments and law-enforcement, and punctuated his point by announcing \$1.6 million in new federal stimulus cash for Richmond's

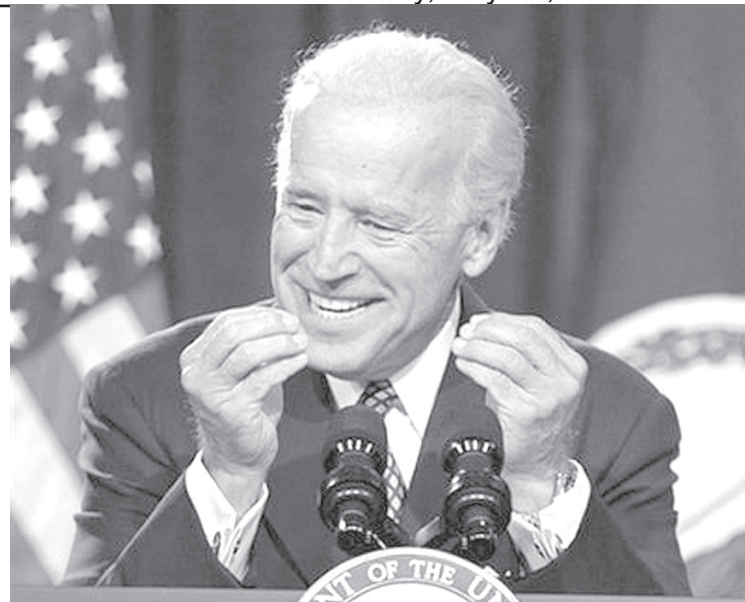
police department. And he repeatedly referred to the worst economic collapse since the Great Depression as a dark legacy inherited six months ago from Republicans.

"More than 700 lenders that had not made a loan since October 2008, have made (stimulus-aided) loans," Biden said.

"Those billions of dollars get poured back in the economy," he said, turning to face John Fernandez, owner of DayStar Desserts in Richmond. "It means someone's buying your desserts, it means someone's going to the local shoe store. It means people's jobs."

Without mentioning Cantor by name, Biden challenged GOP critics of the stimulus plan to say why they wouldn't provide health care and unemployment benefits for the jobless and avert thousands of layoffs of teachers, firefighters and police. Cantor is among the most outspoken congressional critics of the package. "The very guys who are saying this is a terrible act want me to make sure you get high-speed rail. Isn't that kind of funny," he said. "Would they not provide help to the states to maintain the rolls for Medicare and Medicaid and

those newly unemployed who need it? Would they not extend unemployment benefits to those who have lost their dignity, lost their jobs, maybe lost their home," he asked about 300 people at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Henrico County. Cantor, who grew up in Henrico County and lives only a few miles from the site of Thursday's event, said President Barack Obama has to accept responsibility now for unemployment rates that have continued to soar since President George W. Bush left office. Obama on Wednesday



Vice President Joe Biden speaks at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Va., Thursday, July 16, 2009.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

said he was amused at the claims of those who were in charge when the financial problems started that "this is Obama's economy" and he said "That's fine. Give it to me!" And Cantor did, saying: "The unemployment

rate is skyrocketing. The stimulus has not succeeded. Why it is that they want to go and continue to tout success when the reality is people are losing their jobs, families are going into economic free fall?" □

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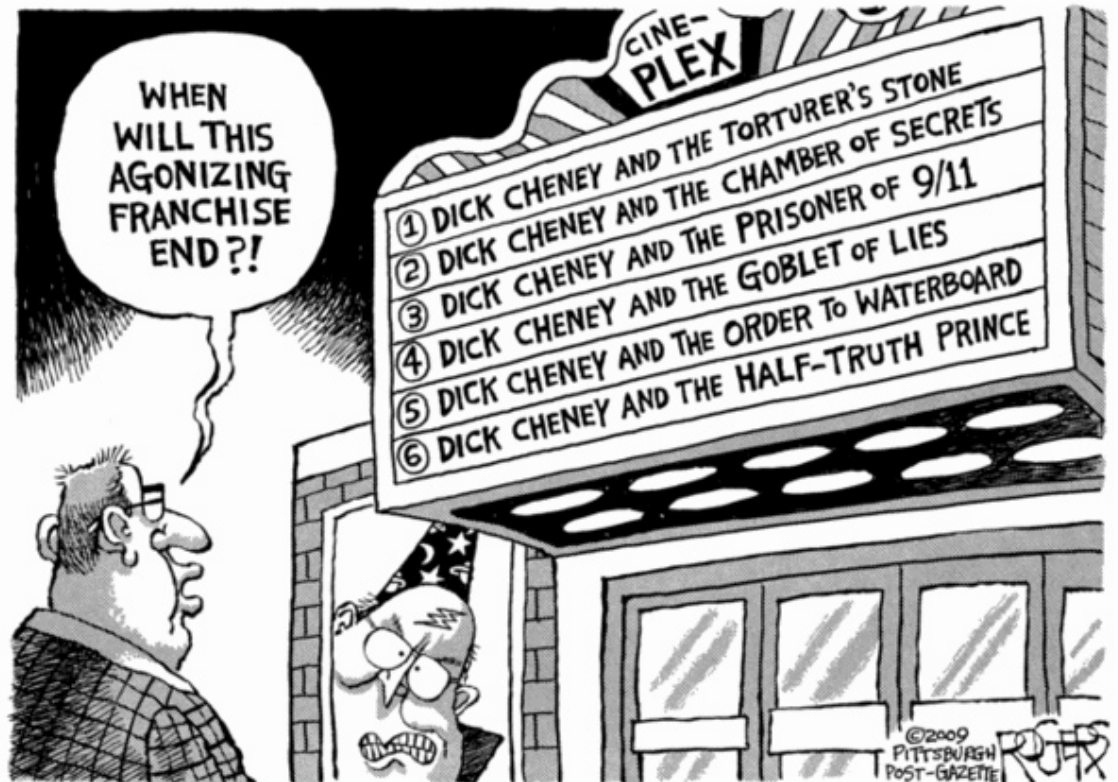
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Death of the World's Greatest Entertainer

Larry Elder

Creators Syndicate – The world's greatest entertainer died — 19 years ago. His name is Sammy Davis Jr.

At Michael Jackson's memorial, Motown founder Berry Gordy called the late, incredibly talented Jackson "the greatest entertainer that ever lived." Someone once said that Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire's famous dance partner, did everything he did — except backward and wearing high heels. Well, Sammy Davis Jr. did everything Michael Jackson did — and more, much more — except during Jim Crow and with one eye.

Davis sang. He danced. He acted. He played piano, drums and trumpet. He did impressions of the popular celebrities of his time. Gifted with excellent timing, Davis wove comedy into his act, always writing or improvising his own material.

Davis, like Jackson, became the focal point in a group of entertainers — except Davis started on the stage when he was 3 and fronted the Will Mastin Trio as a teen. He never attended school — not even elementary school — and grew up on the road, without his mother.

Jackson came up hard. Davis came up harder. Try reading Davis' best-selling (15 million copies) autobiography, "Yes I Can," written with his longtime friend and confidant, Burt Boyar. It tells the journey of an astonishingly gifted and successful performer, a highly intelligent, self-educated, voracious reader, a man both confident and insecure — in an era of segregation, lynchings and civil rights marches.

Davis worked hard. Davis played hard. His personal life and decisions and excesses attracted and repelled both blacks and whites. Yet however Davis' audience may have felt about him, it could never question his unparalleled talent.

"Yes I Can" describes some of the horrific racism endured by the legendary performer. For example, during World War II, Davis served in one of the Army's first integrated units. Once, some white members of his unit surprisingly invited Davis, sitting alone in a bar, to come over and join them for a drink. One of the guys handed him a beer. Suspicious, Davis refused to drink it. Good thing. The liquid in the mug was not beer, but urine. □

CLINTON UNDERSCORES OBAMA COMMITMENT TO NEGOTIATION

By Georgie Anne Geyer

WASHINGTON -- As the Obama administration faces its six-month anniversary next week, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has, in a sense, had her "debutante" moment -- she "came out" from her behind-the-scenes presence with a brilliant speech before the Council on Foreign Relations that surprised just about everyone.

She ignored her wounded left arm and waved her right arm to make points -- brilliantly articulate and obviously well-versed on every issue. But most important were the ideas that she presented to the foreign policy experts at the council because they are an impressive backup to the president's many speeches of the last months.

Iran? There was no hesitation, either to support the Obama idea of negotiation or to be tough about nuclear issues. But even while she was unequivocally "appalled" about the recent Iranian crackdown on election dissenters, in general and in fairness, her words were well-modulated.

"We cannot be afraid or unwilling to engage," was the way she put it. "Yet some suggest that this is a sign of naivete or acquiescence to these countries' repression of their own people. I believe that is wrong."

Then Secretary Clinton said one of the smartest things I've heard around these foreign policy corridors for a long time: "Negotiations can provide insight into regimes' calculations and the possibility -- even if it seems remote -- that a regime will eventually alter its behavior in exchange for the benefits of acceptance into the international community."

"We remain ready to engage with Iran, but the time for action is now. The opportunity will not remain open indefinitely."

The Middle East? Here the secretary was at least as daring as President Obama has been in trying to lay down a more balanced American policy.

"Time alone will not heal all wounds," she said, as she reminded that all recent U.S. administrations have had the same approach to Israeli settlements -- they were/are a barrier to peace. "But we know that progress toward peace cannot be the responsibility of the U.S. or Israel alone." Then she went on to say, even with some sternness, that Israel, the Palestinians and the Arab states need to show their mettle with "words and deeds."

"The Saudi peace proposal, supported by more than 20 nations, was a positive step, but we believe that more is needed. So we are asking those who embrace the proposal to take meaningful steps now." And at another point she stressed that, "We expect the whole region to step up and make clear that they accept a two-state solution."

Afghanistan and Pakistan, or is it Pakistan and Afghanistan? Or should it perhaps be the Taliban and Afghanistan and Pakistan?

"Americans often ask," Clinton went on, "why do we ask our young men and women to risk their lives in Afghanistan when al-Qaida's leadership is in neighboring Pakistan? And that question deserves a good answer. We and our allies fight in Afghanistan because the Taliban protects al-Qaida and depends on it for support, sometimes coordinating activities. In other words, to eliminate al-Qaida, we must also fight the Taliban."

Even more interestingly, since "the Taliban" has now come to include every sort of dissent in Afghanistan and Pakistan and not only the radical anti-American form, she laid the basis for a possible repatriation of "good Taliban" bodies and souls. □

Jackson death revives interest in Twitchell mural



File-In this March 24, 2009 file photo showing Los Angeles muralist Kent Twitchell posing in his studio with a portion of his a mural showing music icon Michael Jackson, in downtown Los Angeles. Twitchell, who kept the painting rolled up in his studio for years, finally put it on display at a retrospective of his work last April. At the time it drew little notice. He says interest is pouring in now, but he has no immediate plans to display the work again.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes, File)

By JOHN ROGERS,
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — When a Los Angeles gallery mounted a retrospective of Kent Twitchell's work earlier this year the acclaimed painter figured the one thing everyone would want to see was his "lost" Michael Jackson mural.

Twitchell's larger-than-life vision, showing the entertainer decked out in a white suit and matching fedora, stood 100 feet tall and 60 feet wide. Once planned for the entire side of a Hollywood building, it was so big it had to be mounted in sections across a two-story gallery wall, the bottom of it strung out along the floor.

When visitors arrived, they

made a beeline straight past it, stopping instead to admire Twitchell's two-story portrait of Steve McQueen.

How things have changed. "Since Michael died my phone is just ringing off the hook," said Look gallery owner Jerri Levi, who mounted the April exhibition. Collectors from around the world have inquired about buying the mural, she said, and others have asked whether it will be displayed again.

But for now Twitchell is keeping it safely rolled up and hidden away.

"It would be nice to see something happen with it eventually," he said this week. "But I don't want to just hawk it and I wouldn't want to get involved in

something that might be seen as cheesy. I'm an artist, not an entrepreneur."

The mural was originally planned for the side of Hollywood's historic El Capitan Theatre building, and Twitchell, whose works dot the Los Angeles skyline, collaborated with Jackson on it for three years.

"The nicest guy in the world. Down to earth. Not pretentious at all," is how he remembers him.

The project, part of a Hollywood restoration taking place at the time, was shelved in 1993. Twitchell says he was never told why but suspects Jackson having become the target of a child molestation investigation that year played a role.

Originally Jackson wanted to dress in black leather for the mural, Twitchell said, but he told him he'd like to go for a classic 1930s Hollywood pose, outfitting him in something Cary Grant would have worn at the time.

"He said, 'Oh yes, I can see that,'" Twitchell recalled □

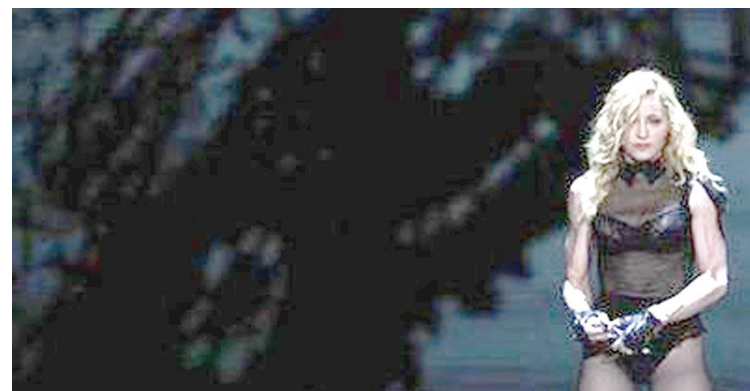
Richard Dreyfuss dismisses suit against dad

LOS ANGELES — Court records show Richard Dreyfuss (DRY'-fuhs) has dismissed a lawsuit he filed against his uncle and father.

Dreyfuss sued the men last year, claiming they owed him nearly \$4 million on an unpaid loan.

The "Mr. Holland's Opus" and "Jaws" actor claimed he loaned his father, Norman, and uncle Gilbert Dreyfuss, money in the early 1980s. His suit stated the men operated a building in downtown Los Angeles.

The 61-year-old Oscar-winning actor sought and was granted a dismissal of the case last month. Court records did not indicate the terms of any settlement, but allow Dreyfuss to refile the case if necessary.



U.S. singer Madonna performs during her Sticky and Sweet tour at the O2 Arena in London July 4, 2009.

REUTERS/Luke MacGregor

Stage for Madonna show collapses in France, 1 dead

MARSEILLE, France (Reuters)—A stage being constructed for a concert by pop star Madonna collapsed on Thursday, killing one worker and injuring seven others, police in the southern French city of Marseille said.

The July 19 concert at the Velodrome stadium, home to the Olympique Marseille soccer team, was immediately canceled.

"The roof of the stage caved in. It was only two-thirds finished," Maurice Di Nocera, a Marseille city official, told France Info radio.

The dead worker was a 53-year-old Frenchman. Two of the injured, an American and a British citizen, were in a serious condition, Interior Minister Brice Hortefeux said.

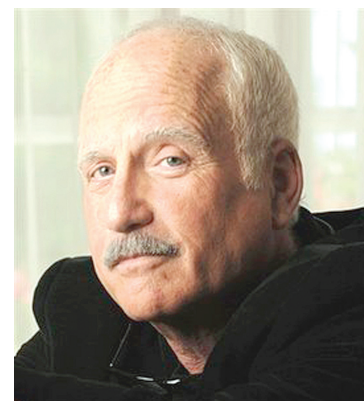
Marseille city hall said all the victims worked for a company called Live Nation, which was preparing the show.

Madonna was in Udine, Italy, at the time of the accident.

"I am devastated to have just received this tragic news," the singer said in a statement published on her website.

"My prayers go out to those who were injured and their families along with my deepest sympathy to all those affected by this heartbreaking news," she added.

The Marseille concert was part of Madonna's world "Sticky and Sweet" tour. □



FILE - In this Oct. 7, 2008 file photo, Richard Dreyfuss poses for a portrait at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello, file)

TV comedy is Tina Fey's world

By DAVID BAUDER,
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Television comedy is Tina Fey's world these days. Is there room for anybody else?

Fey and "30 Rock," her series about the backstage world at a late-night network show, swept both the Emmys and Golden Globes in the past year, and she's set up to do it again at this year's Emmys. "30 Rock" earned 22 Emmy nominations on Thursday, shattering a record of 17 for best comedy series that it had set only last year. And Fey was The Associated Press' entertainer of the year in 2008, in part for her gut-busting impersonation of Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin. □

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PALM BEACH - On Wednesday 15th of July, 2009, Café de Pijp officially inaugurated its authentic "OUD HOLLANDS CAFÉ" conveniently located at the South Beach Center in Palm Beach opposite Segafredo. Café de Pijp has been operating since June 19th and has now made the opening official with various members of the press and guests. All guests received a warm welcome from the management in a nice and cozy ambiance with entertainment of the band

The Equator.

Café de Pijp has been designed and founded by Mr. Alex de Haan. He has a lot of experience with this kind of specific Oud Hollands Café in the Netherlands. The interior of Café de Pijp, which is almost 60 m2, has been constructed with dark wood materials which give the ambiance a very cozy and warm feeling.

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Café de Pijp will have several activities programmed for its guests in the near future. These activities include Dart competitions among other cafes and guests, Karaoke nights, Jazz nights and Salsa nights. **Café de Pijp serves delicious snacks for its guests and invites their customers to enjoy these snacks free of charge on Friday afternoons.** Café de Pijp



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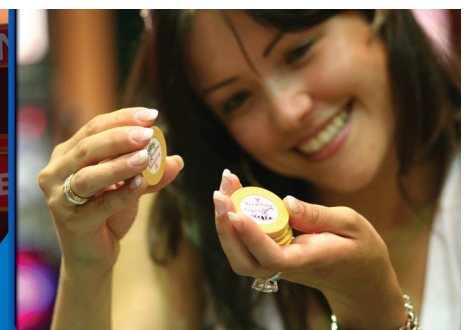
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Witnesses, some for and some against Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor's confirmation, are sworn in to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Thursday, July 16, 2009, on Capitol Hill in Washington. From left are: Wade Henderson, chief executive officer of the leadership conference on Civil Rights, New Haven firefighters Frank Ricci and Ben Vargas, and attorney Peter Kirsanow of the Center for Equal Opportunity.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Firefighter criticizes Sotomayor over ruling

By MARK SHERMAN,
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON – Frank Ricci, the white firefighter who recently won his reverse discrimination case at the Supreme Court, said Thursday that an unfavorable ruling by Sonia Sotomayor and other judges “divides people who don’t wish to be divided along racial lines.”

Ricci and his firefighting colleague from New Haven, Conn., Lt. Ben Vargas, denounced the appeals court ruling by Sotomayor and two other judges on the federal appeals court in New York. But in testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee, neither man voiced opposition to Sotomayor's confirmation as a Supreme Court justice.

Vargas, in fact, identified himself as Hispanic and congratulated the 55-year-old judge who would be the high court's first Hispanic.

Ricci, Vargas and other firefighters sued New Haven after the city threw out the results of a promotion exam for lieutenants and captains after too few minorities did well.

A trial judge dismissed the lawsuit, a decision upheld by Sotomayor's appellate panel in a one-paragraph opinion that has been criticized as much for its brevity as the result.

Late last month, the Supreme Court found in favor of the complaining firefighters in a 5-4 ruling that reversed the appeals court. Given the topic — race discrimination — Sotomayor's nomination and the timing, the decision has

become a focus of her confirmation hearing. Sotomayor testified repeatedly that she was bound by earlier rulings to reach the conclusion she did. Her appeals court colleague and one-time mentor, Jose Cabranes, issued an unusual opinion after Sotomayor's panel decision disagreeing with her.

Senate Republicans invited the men to testify on a panel that included witnesses both for and against Sotomayor's confirmation. Their appearance followed the conclusion of Sotomayor's four days in the witness chair. Ricci told the panel that “achievement is neither limited nor determined by one's race, but by one's skills, dedication, commitment and character.”

The court rulings against him reflected a flawed belief “that citizens should be reduced to racial statistics,” he said. “It only divides people who don't wish to be divided along racial lines.” Ricci said that the appeals court ruling also called attention to his dyslexia even though the case “had nothing to do with it.”

“It had everything to do with ensuring our command officers were competent to answer the call and our right to advance in our profession based on merit regardless of race,” he said.

Vargas, one of only two Hispanics who scored well enough to be considered for promotion, said in response to questions from Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., that he had been called disloyal to the Hispanic community for joining the lawsuit. □

40th Anniversary of Moon Landing

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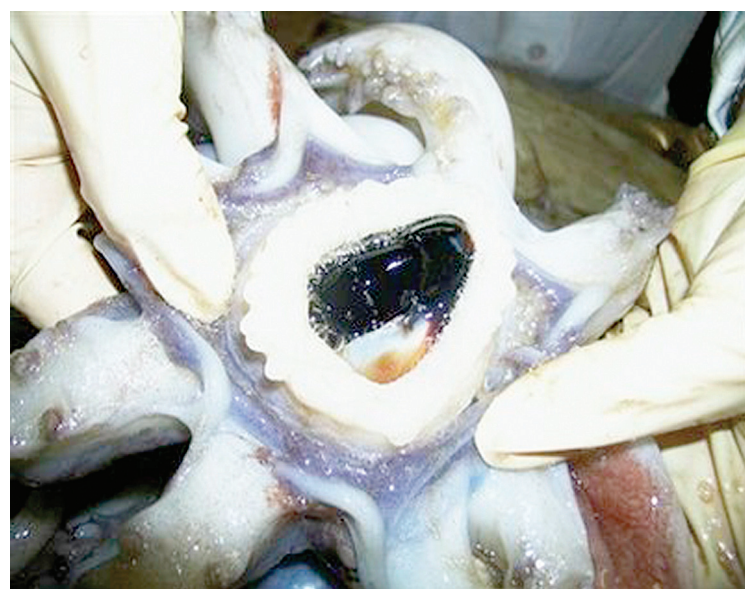
This photo, from NASA TV, shows one of the Apollo 11 astronauts on the lunar surface after landing from a new digitally refurbished version of the original moon landing video unveiled in Washington Thursday, July 16, 2009. After NASA couldn't find its original videotapes, NASA and a Hollywood film restoration company took television video copies of what Apollo 11 beamed to Earth on July 20, 1969, and made the pictures look sharper.

(AP Photo/NASA TV)

By SETH BORENSTEIN,
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON – With the help of Hollywood, those historic, grainy images of the first men on the moon never looked better. NASA unveiled refurbished video Thursday of the July 20, 1969, moonwalk restored by the same company that sharpened up the movie “Casablanca.”

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This March 2005 image provided by the National Marine Fisheries Service shows a beak of a Humboldt squid, also known as a jumbo flying squid, exposed before dissection at the laboratory of the National Marine Fisheries Service in San Diego. The rare squid have returned to the area wreaking havoc on local divers.

(AP Photo/National Marine Fisheries Service)

Jumbo squid invade San Diego shores, spook divers

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President Barack Obama arrives at JFK airport in New York, July 17, 2009, prior to an event with New Jersey Gov. Corzine and address before the NAACP.

(AP Photo/Rick Maiman)

Obama says without action, health costs will rise

HOLMDEL, N.J. — President Barack Obama returned to campaign-style rhetoric on Thursday, telling a political rally that inaction is not an option and urging allies to push for his overhaul of the nation's health care system.

During a political fundraiser for New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine, the president said the costs of health care will continue to increase unless Congress delivers legislation that would dramatically change the way Americans receive health care. He said he will not accept the current system and his critics misunderstand the challenges that face the country.

"The fact is, health care affects the financial security and well-being of every American, even those who have health insurance," Obama said. "It affects the stability of our entire economy."

Obama told the gathering, which drew more than 17,000 people on a sweaty afternoon — the president's first political rally since taking office — that he is confident Congress will take action on health care before they leave on an August recess.

The lawmakers' action, however, is only the first step toward the president's goal.

"We have finally reached a point when inaction is no longer an option," Obama said, his hoarse voice rising in volume and anger. "I will not defend the status quo."

Obama brushed off his opponents as naysayers who expect a different outcome with the same-old approaches to a decades-old challenge.

"It's a path where our health care costs keep rising. ...

That's not a future I accept," Obama told the friendly audience.

Obama said recession is linked with the burden of the health care system on the economy.

"We inherited an economy where Washington didn't pay for anything," Obama said, returning to campaign-style rhetoric.

"That was the America of yesterday. We're now looking at the America of tomorrow."

He said the nation's fiscal future depends on changing the health care system: "Health care reform is deficit reform." □

Taliban threaten to kill captured US soldier



In this image made available by the Ministry of Defence in London, Thursday July 16, 2009, a soldier provides top cover from a Viking Armoured Vehicle during a Combat Logistic Patrol to resupply ground troops, during Operation Panther's Claw in Afghanistan's Helmand province, Monday July 13, 2009. It is hoped that the operation will clear and secure the Malgir and Babaji areas of insurgents, in order to set the conditions for the forthcoming Afghan elections in August. Over 700 British troops are involved in the operation, intimately supported by 300 personnel from the Afghan National Security Force.

(AP Photo/Sergeant Dan Harmer, Royal Logistic Corps, MOD, ho)

By AMIR SHAH,
Associated Press Writer

KABUL — Local Taliban commanders threatened Thursday to kill a captured American soldier unless the U.S. military stops operations in two districts of southeastern Afghanistan.

Also Thursday, Canadian authorities announced that a Canadian soldier was killed

southwest of Kandahar, bringing to 47 the number of international troops killed in Afghanistan this month. That makes July the deadliest month of the war for foreign troops — with nearly half the month to go.

The Taliban claimed last week to be holding the American soldier, whom the U.S. military earlier described as possibly

being in enemy hands.

Abdullah Jalali, a spokesman for Taliban commander Mawlawi Sangin, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Thursday that the soldier was healthy.

He said the soldier would be killed unless the U.S. stops airstrikes in Ghazni province's Giro district and Paktika province's Khoshamand district. Jalali did not explain why the Taliban chose those areas, noting only that Giro has been heavily bombed.

Spokeswoman Capt. Elizabeth Mathias declined to comment on the demands but did say recent operations in Giro district this month did not involve bombings.

Neither district is in Helmand province, where Marines are conducting the largest U.S. military operation in Afghanistan since the Taliban were toppled from power in 2001. Jalali said the final decision about the soldier's fate will be made by Taliban leader Mullah Omar.

The U.S. military has said the soldier was noticed missing during a routine check of the unit on June 30 and was "believed captured."

The Taliban claimed on its

Web site on July 6 that it was holding the soldier.

"Five days ago, a drunken American soldier who had come out of his garrison named Malakh was captured by mujahedeen. ... He is still with mujahedeen," said the report. The short Web message did not elaborate on his whereabouts, nor did it provide any proof such as a photo.

The U.S. military has said it intercepted communications in which insurgents talked about holding an American.

The soldier's body armor and weapon were found on the base, and U.S. defense sources say he "just walked off" post with three Afghans after work. They say they have no explanation for why he left the base. The military has not identified the soldier but say his family has been notified that he is missing. He is serving in an Army infantry unit assigned to a combat outpost, one of a number of smaller bases set up by foreign forces in Afghanistan.

The Canadian soldier was killed at dawn Thursday in the Panjwayi district of Kandahar, the spiritual birthplace of the Taliban, according to a statement issued by Canadian

defense authorities in Canada. The previous deadliest months for the international force were June and August of 2008, when 46 foreign troops died.

U.S. commanders had been expecting higher casualties since President Barack Obama ordered 21,000 additional U.S. troops to Afghanistan this year to curb a resurgent Taliban that threatens not only the U.S.-backed Kabul government but also Afghanistan's nuclear-armed neighbor, Pakistan.

About 57,000 U.S. troops are in Afghanistan, and the number is expected to rise to at least 68,000 by the end of 2009. On Thursday, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the U.S. could send more troops to Afghanistan than had been planned. Gates told soldiers at Fort Drum in upstate New York that he's waiting to see what the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan — Gen. Stanley McChrystal — says he needs at the end of a review next week before making a decision.

Meanwhile, the governor of Kandahar province announced that four civilians were killed and 13 wounded in an airstrike on a village in Shawalikot district on Thursday. □

NASA

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NASA lost its original moon landing videotapes and after a three-year search, officials have concluded they were probably erased. That original live video was ghostlike and grainy.

NASA and a Hollywood film restoration company took television video copies of what Apollo 11 beamed to Earth 40 years ago and made the pictures look sharper.

NASA emphasized the video isn't "new" — just better quality. "There's nothing being created; there's nothing being manufactured," said NASA senior engineer Dick Nafzger, who's in charge of the project.

But some details seem new because of their sharpness. Originally, Armstrong's face visor was too fuzzy to be seen clearly. The refurbished video shows his visor and a reflection in it.

The \$230,000 refurbishing effort is only three weeks into a months-long project, and only 40 percent of the work has been done. But it does show improvements in four snippets: Armstrong walking down the ladder, which includes the face visor image; Buzz Aldrin walking down the ladder; the two astronauts reading a plaque they left on the moon; the planting of the flag on the moon.

The original videos beamed to earth were stored on giant reels of tapes that each contained 15 minutes of video, along with 13 other channels of live data from the moon. In the 1970s and 1980s, NASA had a shortage of the tapes and erased about 200,000 of those tapes and reused them. That's apparently what happened to the famous moon landing footage.

Nafzger praised the restored work for its crispness. The restoration company, Lowry Digital of Burbank, Calif., also refurbished "Star Wars" and James Bond films, along with "Casablanca."

The company noted that the latter film had a pixel count 10 times higher than the moon video, meaning the moon footage was fuzzier than that vintage movie and more of a challenge in one sense. □

Loose ends still need tying in Fla. couple deaths

By **BILL KACZOR**,
Associated Press Writer

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Investigators have found a safe stolen during a precisely executed, deadly home break-in at the home of a wealthy Florida Panhandle couple, authorities said Thursday.

Melanie and Byrd Billings, who were known for adopting 13 children with special needs, were fatally shot last week. Surveillance cameras captured footage of masked men — some dressed as ninjas — slipping into front and back doors of their home near Pensacola.

Eight people have been charged — seven with murder and one with being an accessory after the fact.

State Attorney Bill Eddins wouldn't say where the safe was found, what was in it or what else might have been taken from the home.

He also said investigators have found several guns, including at least one they believe was used to kill the Billingses.

Eddins said the case was mostly wrapped up.

"In our opinion this was a home invasion robbery where the people stole a safe," he said. "It was as simple as that as to the motive."

But Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan said at a news conference with Eddins that other motives may emerge and there are still people investigators want to talk to.

"We have some people of interest that we're continuing to look at and I can tell you that those are now numerous people," Morgan said.

One of those people may have been someone who failed to carry out an assignment to disable surveillance cameras at the sprawling nine-bedroom home.

Morgan said a major hole in the investigation is why the cameras weren't turned off, marring an otherwise perfect crime. The surveillance videos led investigators to a red van used as a getaway car and eventually to the suspects, a loosely connected group of mostly day laborers who knew each other through a power washing business and an auto detailing operation.

"It is a combination of friendships, casual business relationships that brought this group together," Morgan said.

Deputies on Wednesday arrested the eighth suspect, 47-year-old



This Thursday July 9, 2009 image from a video surveillance camera and released by the Escambia County Sheriff's Office, shows an unidentified man dressed in what the county sheriff called 'ninja garb' heading towards an unlocked utility door in the back of Byrd and Melanie Billings' home in Beulah, Fla.

(AP Photo/Escambia County Sheriff's Office)

Pamela Long Wiggins, charging her with accessory after the fact to murder, which carries a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison.

The other seven — six men and a 16-year-old boy — each face two counts of murder.

Wiggins was freed on a \$10,000 bond, the teen is being held in detention and the six men are jailed without bond.

Morgan has said Wiggins is a friend and landlord to 35-year-old Leonard Gonzalez Jr., described as a "pivotal person" in organizing the break-in. Gonzalez, who is charged with murder, proclaimed his innocence in court Tuesday.

Morgan said Thursday that Wiggins led them to evidence, though he would not be more specific.

Morgan also confirmed that the Drug Enforcement Administration is assisting with the investigation of the suspects, but he said the agency is not investigating the Billings family.

He said Escambia County officials have also sought help from other federal agencies including the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Nine of the couple's 13 adopted children were home during the break-in. Three saw the intruders but were not hurt. The couple also had four children from previous marriages. □

5 officers hurt, 2 suspects dead in NJ shootout

when SWAT officers fought their way into an apartment where the man and woman had taken cover at about 6:45 a.m. The officers were met by shotgun blasts that ripped through the apartment building's walls and doors. Residents of the complex said they awoke to the sounds of gunfire and police running down their halls.

Marlon Harrison, who lives on the second floor of the building, said he heard gunshots echo off the alleyway outside his window. "It was like the Army out there," Harrison said.

Doctors at Jersey City Medical Center said Marc DiNardo, a 37-year-old Jersey City police officer, was in full cardiac arrest, with no signs of life, when he arrived for treatment.

Doctors had to bring him back to life "five or six times" before they could stabilize him, Mayor Jerramiah Healy said. He was shot on the left side of his face and will need reconstructive surgery to repair his jaw, sinuses and cheek, according to Dr. Bruno Molino, the medical center's trauma chief.

The other Jersey City police officers were identified as Michael Camacho, 25, Frank Molina, 35, and Marc Lavelle, 43. Port Authority official Dennis Mitchell, 35, was also wounded. Camacho was in critical condition after being shot in the neck, but police Chief Tom Comey said he was awake after surgery and was able to give his family a "thumbs up." □



A detective from the Hudson County Prosecutors Office examines evidence on a pick-up truck parked on Reed Street in Jersey City on Thursday July 16, 2009. Five Jersey City police officers were shot, two critically wounded in an early morning shootout in New Jersey's second-largest city. Two suspects were also killed in the shootout, which stemmed from police surveillance of two armed robbery suspects in Jersey City, authorities said.

(AP Photo/Rich Schultz)

By **VICTOR EPSTEIN** and
DAVID PORTER,

Associated Press Writer

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — A running gunfight that erupted during a police stakeout of two

armed robbery suspects ended Thursday morning with two suspects dead and five officers shot, two of them critically.

The shootout began in the street about 5 a.m. and ended

Sotomayor on her way; GOP pledges quick court vote



Supreme Court nominee Judge Sonia Sotomayor answers questions during her fourth and final day of testimony at her Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearings on Capitol Hill in Washington July 16, 2009.

By **JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS**,
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Sonia Sotomayor sped toward confirmation as the nation's first Hispanic justice Thursday, encouraged by Republican promises of a quick vote and cheered on by a Democratic senator's challenge to take on the Supreme Court's conservative wing when she

REUTERS/Jason Reed arrives.

"Battle out the ideas that you believe in, because I have a strong hunch that they are closer to the ones that I would like to see adopted by the court," Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, a Republican turned Democrat, told Sotomayor.

Even two of her Republican critics called the 55-year-old appeals court judge's rulings

"mainstream" — noteworthy concessions for President Barack Obama's first high court nominee.

If confirmed, Sotomayor would become the first justice appointed by a Democratic president in 15 years, and the hearings were as much a prelude for future Supreme Court fights as a battle over the judge herself. Republicans repeatedly criticized Obama's past assertion that he wanted a justice with "the quality of empathy," and Sotomayor disavowed Obama's statement as a senator that some decisions would be determined by "what is in a judge's heart."

Republicans, expressing concern that she would bring bias to the court, gave Frank Ricci, a white New Haven, Conn., firefighter whose reverse discrimination claim was rejected by Sotomayor and two other appeals court judges, a speaking role at the hearing. He complained that the ruling showed a belief "that citizens should be reduced to

racial statistics," but declined when given the chance to say Sotomayor's nomination should be rejected.

Her panel's ruling was overturned last month by the Supreme Court she hopes to join.

As Sotomayor concluded three grueling days of nationally televised question-and-answer rounds in the Judiciary Committee's witness chair, the panel's senior Republican, Jeff Sessions of Alabama, said, "I look forward to you getting that vote before we recess" on Aug. 7.

Sessions, who declared he still had "serious concerns" about Sotomayor, said he wouldn't support any attempt to block a final vote on confirmation and didn't foresee any other Republican doing so. A committee vote on confirming her is expected late this month.

Her elevation all but assured, Sotomayor took few risks during her testimony, repeatedly sidestepping questions on hot-button issues like guns and abortion rights and defending speeches that have been faulted as showing bias.

Sotomayor has overwhelming if not unanimous support among the Senate's 58 Democrats and two independents — and is likely to win a number of votes among the 40 Republicans as well.

Her confirmation hearings were fraught with racial politics that created a dilemma for Republicans, who stepped carefully during their tough questioning of Sotomayor — eager to please their conservative base but wary of alienating Hispanics, the fastest-growing voting demographic.

They pressed Sotomayor repeatedly on her 2001 statement that she hoped a "wise Latina" would usually rule better than a white male, drawing expressions of regret from the nominee, who said the words had been taken out of context and misunderstood. In four days of testimony — she gave a brief opening statement on Monday — Sotomayor presented herself as a staunch and impartial defender of the law. She rarely strayed from a

script replete with pledges to put her feelings and prejudices aside when she rules.

"I regret that I have offended some people," Sotomayor said Thursday, confronted by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., about comments he said "bug the hell out of me."

Sotomayor appeared to have reassured at least some Republicans. Graham described her judicial record as "generally in the mainstream" and said he thought she would keep an open mind on gun rights. Graham, who has said previously he might vote to confirm Sotomayor, said she was "not an activist."

Another Republican, Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, also called Sotomayor's rulings "pretty much in the mainstream," although he said her assertions of impartiality at the hearings were strikingly at odds with her past remarks.

Nearby in the Capitol, Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., announced he would oppose Sotomayor, saying she was "unsuitable" for the court.

The National Rifle Association announced it would oppose Sotomayor, saying she held a "hostile view" of the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms, although a spokesman declined to say whether the group would include her confirmation vote in its ratings of lawmakers. The NRA's closely watched "scores" weigh heavily on lawmakers in both parties, since they're a powerful motivator for politically active gun rights supporters.

Committee chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said he expected Sotomayor would win some Republican votes.

Indeed, a number of current GOP senators voted for her when she was confirmed to New York's 2nd Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in 1998. Among them are Robert Bennett of Utah, Thad Cochran of Mississippi, Susan Collins of Maine, Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, Orrin Hatch of Utah, Richard Lugar of Indiana and Olympia Snowe of Maine. On her last day of questioning, senators addressed Sotomayor as though they were giving their takeaway messages to a future justice. □

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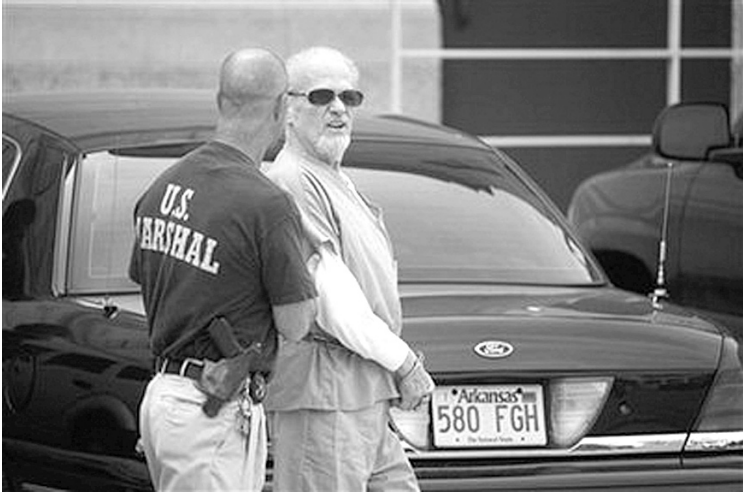
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Girl 'married' at 8 says sex started in 3rd grade



Evangelist Tony Alamo, right, is led from the federal courthouse in downtown Texarkana Ark. Tuesday July 14, 2009 following opening statements in his trial. Alamo is charged with taking underage girls across state lines for sex.

(AP Photo/Texarkana Gazette, Evan Lewis) MANDATORY CREDIT

By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press Writer
TEXARKANA, Ark. — A woman who said evangelist Tony Alamo “married” her at age 8 told federal jurors Thursday that he sexually assaulted her repeatedly until she escaped his compound in late 2006.

The woman, now 18, said Alamo groped her at age 8. She said Alamo began having sex with her when she was a 9-year-old third-grader who weighed only 98 pounds.

Alamo took explicit photographs of her that year with an instant camera and, on looking at them, called her a “whore.” She said she didn’t understand the term but that Alamo told her it was a good thing.

Alamo, 74, is named in a 10-count indictment alleging he took young girls across state lines for sex.

THIS IS A BREAKING NEWS UPDATE. Check back soon for further information. AP’s earlier story is below.

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — A woman who noted in her Bible the first time she had sex with evangelist Tony Alamo — at age 14 — told jurors in his sex-crimes trial Thursday that she was married to the flamboyant pastor that year in a prison visiting room.

The woman, initially from Oklahoma, said Alamo fondled her after they exchanged

vows at a federal prison in Texarkana, Texas, but that a closed-circuit television system failed to catch him.

“We would lean in really close to each other so the camera wouldn’t see,” she said, crying.

Alamo, 74, is accused of taking five underage girls across state lines for sex. The woman, now 25, said she was among many female followers of Alamo who visited him while he served a four-year prison sentence for tax evasion.

Defense lawyers say the government has targeted the ministry, and Alamo has said the trial is part of a Vatican-led conspiracy against him. He could spend the rest of his life in prison if convicted.

Prosecutors showed jurors a page from the woman’s Bible with the notation “Holy Matrimony” and the date they first had sex, July 17, 1998 — 11 days after Alamo, then 63, left federal prison for a halfway house.

In her testimony, the woman said her mother was an Alamo follower who, at Alamo’s direction, sent her to his compound in southwestern Arkansas after she fell into trouble at home. Her offense: revealing that her brother liked another girl in the ministry.

The woman said she traveled with Alamo to Las Vegas and Los Angeles in 2000, when she was 16, and had sex with

him during the trip.

She was the third former child bride of Alamo’s to testify to having sex with him below age 18. A woman from Texas, now 33, said on the witness stand earlier Thursday that the minister made light of taking a young girl on the road as a wife and sex partner.

“It was a joke in the house that she was underage,” she said. “It was a flaunting that he could get away with this.”

The Texas woman said Alamo ran her husband out of the church and took her as another of his brides. She told jurors that, while sexually assaulting her the night of their marriage, Alamo screamed out: “The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is against you, Satan.” She was 17 then, Alamo was age 59.

She said she didn’t contact authorities for years because Alamo had taught his followers that the government justice system was evil.

“This was the courtroom of Satan and we were in the courtroom of God” with Alamo, she told jurors.

Under cross-examination, she acknowledged returning to Alamo’s compound after he evicted her husband but said she did so because she was afraid God would punish her if she didn’t do as Alamo said.

“I lived in fear of hellfire and I believed that God could strike me dead,” said the woman, who was born into the church her parents joined as teenage runaways. She said she was not taken across state lines for sex until after reaching age 18.

The Associated Press generally does not identify those who say they were victims of sex crimes.

A woman from Florida testified Wednesday that she was a third-generation follower — and a teenage Alamo bride — but raised questions when he took an 8-year-old as a wife. She said Alamo told her, “the Lord told me to” molest the girl, who was holding on to a stuffed animal at the time. □

Jumbo squid invade San Diego shores, spook divers

By GILLIAN FLACCUS, Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO — Thousands of jumbo flying squid — aggressive 5-foot-long sea monsters with razor-sharp beaks and toothy tentacles — have invaded the shallow waters off San Diego, spooking scuba divers and washing up dead on tourist-packed beaches.

The carnivorous calamari, which can grow up to 100 pounds, came up from the depths last week and swarms of them roughed up unsuspecting divers. Some divers report tentacles enveloping their masks and yanking at their cameras and gear.

Stories of too-close encounters with the alien-like cephalopods have chased many veteran divers out of the water and created a whirlwind of excitement among the rest, who are torn between their personal safety and the once-in-a-lifetime chance to swim with the deep-sea giants.

The so-called Humboldt squid are native to the deep waters off Mexico, where they have been known to attack humans and are nicknamed “red devils” for their rust-red coloring and mean streak. Those who dive with them there chum the water with bait and sometimes get in a metal cage or wear chain mail to avoid being lashed by tentacles.

“I wouldn’t go into the water with them for the same reason I wouldn’t walk into a pride of lions on the Serengeti,” said Mike Bear, a local diver. “For all I know, I’m missing the experience of a lifetime.”

The squid are too deep to bother swimmers and surfers, but many longtime divers say they are staying out of the surf until the sea creatures clear out. Yet other divers, including Shandra Magill, couldn’t resist the chance to see the squid up close.

On a recent night, Magill watched in awe as a dozen squid with doleful, expressive eyes circled her group, tapping and patting the divers and gently bumping them before dashing away.

One especially large squid suspended itself motionless in the water about three feet away and peered at her closely, its eyes rolling, before it vanished into the black. A shimmering incandescence rippled along its body, almost as if it were communicating through its skin.

But the next night, things were different: A large squid surprised Magill by hitting her from behind and grabbing at her with its arms, pulling her sideways in the water. The powerful creature ripped her buoyancy hose away from her chest and knocked away her light.

When Magill recovered, she didn’t know which direction was up and at first couldn’t find the hose to help her rise to the surface. The squid was gone.

“I just kicked like crazy. The first thing you think of is, ‘Oh my gosh, I don’t know if I’m going to survive this. If that squid wanted to hurt me, it would have,’” she said.

Other divers have reported squid pulling at their masks and gear and roughing them up.

Roger Uzun, a veteran scuba diver and amateur underwater videographer, swam with a swarm of the creatures for about 20 minutes and said they appeared more curious than aggressive. The animals taste with their tentacles, he said, and seemed to be touching him and his wet suit to determine if he was edible.

“As soon as we went underwater and turned on the video lights, there they were. They would ram into you, they kept hitting the back of my head,” he said.

“One got ahold of the video light head and yanked on it for two or three seconds and he was actually trying to take the video light with him,” said Uzun, who later posted a 3-minute video with his underwater footage on YouTube. “It almost knocked the video camera out of my hands.”

Scientists aren’t sure why the squid, which generally live in deep, tropical waters off Mexico and Central America, are swarming off the Southern California coast — but they are concerned. □

Chechnya activist's murder sparks international outrage



A candle burns under the portrait of murdered human rights activist Natalia Estemirova during a memorial in Moscow, July 16, 2009.

By Aydar Buribayev and Amie Ferris-Rotman
MOSCOW (Reuters) – The abduction and murder of a prominent human rights activist from Chechnya sparked international outrage on Thursday and her grieving supporters asked “Who is next?”

REUTERS/Denis Sinyakov
Friends carried Natalia Estemirova's body from neighboring Ingushetia, where she was dumped in woodland after she was abducted as she left home, and buried her in Chechnya. German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged Russia to clarify the circumstances surrounding

her killing. “I expressed my shock at the death,” Merkel said after meeting Russian President Dmitry Medvedev in Germany. Medvedev called it “a very sad event” and said he was determined to find and punish Estemirova's killers. His remarks contrasted to those of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, who when president in 2006 was dismissive of slain Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya, saying she had “minimal influence” on Russian society. Politkovskaya was gunned down in her Moscow apartment building in 2006. Nobody has been convicted of her murder. The human rights organization she worked for, Memorial, and Helsinki Group, Russia's oldest NGO, blamed Chechnya's Kremlin-backed president for Estemirova's killing.

Amnesty International said it stemmed from a culture of impunity both within Chechnya and in Russia as a whole. The United States called it an “outrageous crime.” A close friend of Politkovskaya, Estemirova, aged about 50, and who leaves a 15-year-old daughter, worked for Memorial in the Chechen capital Grozny and documented abuses by law enforcement agencies. Her abduction in Chechnya on Wednesday and killing was the latest of a series of deaths of establishment critics which have led to questions about Medvedev's pledges to uphold the law. Russia's Interior Minister Rashid Nurgaliyev told reporters in Munich the government was pursuing several scenarios, while prosecutor General Yuri Chaika was shown on Russian

television saying he would take personal control of the case. Memorial's chairman Oleg Orlov blamed Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov, an ex-rebel turned Kremlin loyalist. “I know, I am sure of it, who is guilty for the murder of Natalia ... His name is Ramzan Kadyrov,” he said in a statement. “Ramzan already threatened Natalia, insulted her, considered her a personal enemy.” Kadyrov's spokesman said her killers would be punished. “Estemirova defended human rights. She couldn't possibly have had enemies amongst clear-thinking people,” he said. “Those who took her life do not deserve to be called people. They deserve no mercy and they should be punished as the cruelest of criminals.” □







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Black boxes from Iran's crashed plane recovered

By NASSER KARIMI,
Associated Press Writer

TEHRAN, Iran — Investigators have recovered the three black boxes belonging to a Russian-made jetliner that crashed in northwest Iran shortly after taking off from the capital, killing all 168 on board, authorities said Thursday.

Remains of the dead — many badly burned and damaged — were brought to Tehran for identification, as relatives from Armenia, the passenger jet's destination, headed for Iran to retrieve their loved ones' bodies.

Khristofor Sogomonian, whose father was among those killed, said he would "try to find anything and to commit his body to the soil."

Diana Sarkisian told The Associated Press at the airport in Armenia's capital Yerevan, that her cousin was aboard the plane as the first leg of a trip to her husband in the United States. "I had hoped that she was alive, but now all

doubts have fallen away," said Sarkisian, an Iranian national. The black boxes — containing the plane's cockpit voice and flight data recorders — will be key to determining the cause of the crash, which remains unknown. Witnesses said the plane's tail, where the engines are located, was on fire before it went down nose first, plowing a long trench into agricultural fields outside the village of Jannat Abad, and the plane was blasted to bits. Parts of the trench were up to four meters (yards) deep.

Chief investigator Ahmad Majidi said one of the recovered boxes was damaged, state radio said. The boxes would likely be sent to the aircraft's Russian manufacturers for analysis, he said.

A team of Russian air accident experts was due to arrive in Iran on Friday to help in the investigation of the latest crash, civil aviation spokesman Reza Jafarzadeh told the semi-official news agency ISNA.

Majidi initially said two black boxes were found and that investigators were searching for a third. Later state TV reported that the third was found, some 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) away from the crash. Black boxes, built to survive crashes and intense fires, record a plane's performance, like speed and altitude, as well as communications between the cockpit crew or with air traffic controllers.

The crash of the Tupolev jet leased by Caspian Airlines was the latest in a string of air disasters in recent years that have highlighted Iran's difficulties in maintaining its aging fleet of planes. Iranian airlines, including state-run ones, are chronically strapped for cash, and maintenance has suffered, experts say.

U.S. sanctions prevent Iran from updating its 30-year-old American aircraft and make it difficult to get European spare parts or planes. The country has come to rely on Russian



The black boxes from an Iranian airliner that crashed in flames near Tehran, killing all 168 people on board, have been found, a transport ministry official said.

(AFP/ISNA/Sina Shiri)

aircraft, many of them Soviet-era planes that are harder to get parts for since the Soviet Union's fall.

Iranian civil aviation agency chief Ali Ilkhani said the Tu-154M that crashed was built in 1987, was bought by Iran in 1998 and had an overhaul certificate valid until 2010, state TV said.

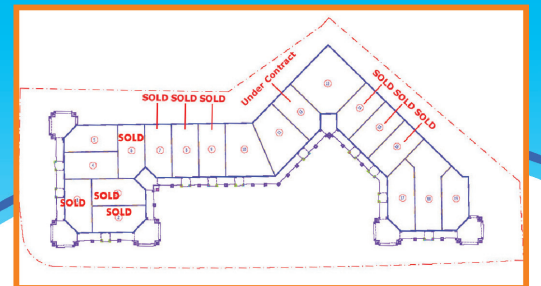
Most of the passengers were

Iranians, including 42 from Iran's large ethnic Armenian community, as well as 11 members of Iran's national youth judo team.

Five Armenian citizens were among the dead, Armenia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement, along with two Georgians, including a staffer from the Caucasus nation's embassy in Yerevan. □

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Aide: Ousted Honduran president on route back home



A supporter of Honduras' ousted President Manuel Zelaya, from the Garifuna Indian community, burns incense in a bucket near soldiers during a road blockade protest in Tegucigalpa, Thursday, July 16, 2009. The incense is believed to expel bad spirits.

(AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

By **JUAN ZAMORANO**,
Associated Press Writer

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — A top aide of ousted Honduran President Manuel Zelaya said he was heading back to the country Thursday, while thousands of his supporters blocked roads to demand his return to power.

Patricia Rodas, foreign minister of Zelaya's toppled government, said the deposed president was "on his way" back, but refused to say how he planned to enter the country or when he expected to arrive.

Zelaya's current whereabouts are unclear and Honduras' interim leaders have promised to arrest him if he returns.

"Our president will be in Honduras at some point and a some moment. He is already on his way. God protect him and the people of the Americas who are with him," Rodas told reporters in La Paz, Bolivia.

It would be Zelaya's second attempt to return to Honduras since the military deposed him and flew him out of the country in a June 28 coup. The interim government thwarted his first

attempt on July 5 by sending military vehicles to block the airport runway and keep his plane from landing.

Interim President Roberto Micheletti said Wednesday that there were reports that Zelaya planned to enter over the Nicaraguan border Saturday.

If Zelaya secretly enters Honduras, it could complicate negotiations scheduled for Saturday in Costa Rica. Neither Zelaya or Micheletti are on a Costa Rican government list of people expected to attend the weekend negotiations.

Prospects for finding common ground appeared slim.

Micheletti, the former congressional leader who was sworn in to serve out the final months of Zelaya's term, offered Wednesday to step down but said that hinged on guarantees that Zelaya would not return to power.

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, a Nobel Peace Prize winner who is mediating the talks, said that proposal is unacceptable.

"The restoration of constitutional order must involve the reinstatement of

President Manuel Zelaya," Arias said in an interview Thursday radio program *Nuestra Voz*.

On Tuesday, Zelaya said Hondurans have the right to launch an insurrection against an illegitimate government — referring to a clause in the country's constitution — and warned he would pull out of talks to solve the crisis if the interim government does not quickly leave.

Micheletti said Wednesday that forces he didn't identify "were handing out some guns" to foment rebellion. He reinstated an overnight curfew that had been lifted only days earlier.

Zelaya supporters denied they were armed Thursday as they blocked a road leading out of the capital, Tegucigalpa. Thousands have staged such protests almost daily since Zelaya's ouster.

"Check it out: there is not one machete, gun or rifle here. This is a peaceful parch," said peasant leader Rafael Alegria. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton urged "a peaceful, negotiated resolution" of the crisis and

said all involved should "refrain from actions that could result in violence."

If Micheletti were to resign, under Honduran law the presidency would pass to Supreme Court President Jorge Rivera.

The Supreme Court backed Zelaya's ouster, ruling that he had violated the law by attempting to hold a vote about whether to write a new constitution.

Many Hondurans viewed the proposed vote as an attempt by Zelaya, an ally of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, to end a ban on re-election and pave the way for his return to power.

Zelaya denies he was seeking another term.

In an interview with *La Tribuna* newspaper, Rivera said the Supreme Court had ordered Zelaya's arrest two days before the coup — but acknowledged that it never ordered the president expelled from the country.

However, Rivera stopped short of calling Zelaya's expulsion illegal, saying the circumstances must be considered. □

FARC jailer in Colombia extradited to US

By **CESAR GARCIA**,
Associated Press Writer

BOGOTA — Colombian authorities extradited to the United States on Thursday a rebel "jailer" captured in last year's storybook rescue of three U.S. military contractors and ex-presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt.

Gerardo Aguilar, alias "Cesar," faces drug-trafficking charges, kidnapping and other charges on an indictment in Washington, D.C. federal court.

The diminutive and bespectacled 50-year-old Aguilar, handcuffed and wearing a helmet and bulletproof vest, was delivered to eight DEA agents at a Bogota air base and boarded a U.S. Beechcraft Super King.

Aguilar became known to the public following the July 2, 2008 rescue of Betancourt and U.S. contractors Marc

Gonsalves, Tom Howes, and Keith Stansell. In the elaborate ruse, Colombia military agents posing as international relief workers airlifted a total of 15 hostages to safety.

Aguilar and another Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia commander, Alexander Farfan, were led to believe they were transferring the hostages on the orders of their superiors.

Instead, they were jumped and disabled and Aguilar was punched in the eye.

Colombia's Supreme Court approved his extradition on drug trafficking charges last year but not for kidnapping. U.S. officials and the three rescued Americans complained bitterly when the court also rejected the extradition of Farfan, alias "Enrique Gafas," on kidnapping charges, arguing that the crime was committed

on Colombian soil so and American court had no jurisdiction.

Aguilar's lawyer, Armando Camacho, told The Associated Press on Thursday that his client was innocent of the drug-trafficking charges and that he was "very hopeful that in the U.S. justice will be done."

Colombia has extradited more than 900 people since President Alvaro Uribe took office in 2002, mostly to the United States to face charges of drug trafficking. □

Gerardo Aguilar, left, a rebel of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) is escorted by police before being extradited to US in Bogota, Thursday, July 16, 2009. Aguilar was arrested on July 2, 2008 by Colombia's army during a hostage rescue operation that freed Ingrid Betancourt, three US military contractors and 11 others.

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China's economy accelerates with help of stimulus

By JOE McDONALD,

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BEIJING – China has bought a rebound in economic growth with a flood of government spending and bank loans, averting a surge in politically dangerous unemployment and fueling hopes that it might help lead a world recovery.

The government's announcement Thursday that second-quarter growth accelerated by 7.9 percent from a year earlier boosted global financial markets, though Beijing cautioned that a full-fledged recovery is not firmly established.

The economy grew by 6.1 percent in the first quarter, according to the National Bureau of Statistics, and analysts said full-year growth should easily reach the government's 8 percent target.

The increase highlighted the economy's dependence on Beijing's \$586 billion (4 trillion yuan) stimulus effort. It was launched after demand for Chinese exports collapsed, wiping out tens of millions of factory jobs and raising the specter of unrest.

"A major motivator for this stimulus is to maintain job growth and to prevent massive disorder. It seems to be succeeding," said Kenneth Lieberthal, a China scholar at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

Economic recovery in China could help fuel a global revival if it leads to increased purchases of American and European factory equipment, Asian industrial components as well as Australian iron ore and raw materials. A stronger economy could also help Chinese companies pursue foreign acquisitions like Beijing Automotive Industries Corp.'s bid to acquire General Motors Corp.'s Opel division. "The U.S. is probably going to get more exports going to Asia. So that's good," said Jay Bryson, global economist at Wells Fargo Securities.

The surge buoyed markets from Tokyo to Singapore.

"This should give people confidence that China's economy is on strong footing and that there are a lot better days ahead," said Alan Landau, Hong Kong-based president of Marco Polo Pure Asset Management.

But analysts cautioned that China alone cannot drive a rebound. The bulk of Chinese imports are raw materials from other developing economies, so the direct benefits to the United States and Europe might be limited.

"At this stage, the main impact will be in the commodities market," benefiting Australia, Canada and Latin America, said Stephen Lewis, chief economist at Monument Securities in London.

It will take economic improvement in the United States, the world's largest economy, and European countries to really pull the world

out of recession, economists said.

In addition, there were concerns about the foundation on which China's recovery is built. Economic growth is being driven by stimulus spending on construction of airports and other public works, not measures that would spur domestic consumption. And most of the money is going to state companies, though some is starting to reach the private sector.

"The difficulties and challenges in the current economic development are still numerous," said Li Xiaochao, spokesman for the National Bureau of Statistics. "The basis of the rebound of the people's economy is not stable."

State-owned banks have increased lending to record levels to finance stimulus-linked projects and encourage housing sales. New credit soared in the first half to a record \$1.1 trillion (7.3 trillion yuan) and there are concerns.

Economists noted that as much as 15 percent or \$145 billion (1 trillion yuan) has been diverted into speculation in stocks and real estate, leading to the possibility of boom and bust in those areas and inflation.

Construction and other stimulus-financed industries are the healthiest parts of China's economy, while other sectors are starting to revive but are lagging.

"We are in a blood transfusion-led economic recovery," said Rock Jin, chief economist for Sinolink Securities Co. in Beijing. "The economy will really start to recover in the first quarter of next year."

Jin said 2.5 percentage points of the 7.9 percent quarterly growth came from stimulus spending and the rest from other activity. He said the remaining 5.4 percentage points is from regular economic activity whose performance was lackluster compared with China's recent boom years.

Economists and trade partners warned that China's emphasis on industrial investment could be adding to a dangerous overcapacity in areas that might produce still more low-cost exports and aggravate trade and other imbalances that contributed to the global economic meltdown. China reported Wednesday that its foreign exchange reserves at the end of June were up 17.8 percent from a year earlier at \$2.13 trillion. Its holdings of U.S. financial assets used to store Beijing's trade surpluses rose 5 percent in May from the previous month to \$801.5 billion, the U.S. Treasury Department said Thursday.

Zhu Jianfang, chief economist for Citic Securities Ltd., said he expects growth to accelerate to 9 percent in the third quarter and into double digits for the final three months of 2009. "I think the economy is in a fairly good recovery state," Zhu said. "It's not only stimulated by the government investment but also followed by some private investment. This is a positive change." □



Workers walk through a construction site in Beijing, China, Thursday, July 16, 2009. China's economy accelerated in the second quarter amid huge stimulus spending, expanding by 7.9 percent from a year earlier as retail sales and industrial output grew strongly, data showed Thursday July 16, 2009.

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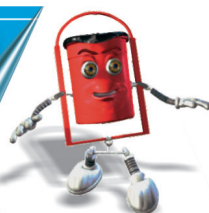
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Tom Watson 58 shoots 65 to lead British Open



TURNBERRY, Scotland — Tom Watson shot a 64 on the final day of the 2003 Senior British Open, his last competitive round at Turnberry prior to the start of the 2009 British Open.

On Thursday, back at sunny, defenseless Turnberry for the first round of the 138th British Open, Watson shot 65. He must be getting old.

“I still feel as if I can compete against the kids,” said Watson, 59, who made five birdies and no bogeys to share the lead until Miguel Angel Jimenez birdied 18 in the early evening light for a six-under 64.

Ben Curtis, the 2003 Open champion who had top 10s in this tournament in 2007 and 2008, eagled the par-5 7th hole and birdied the par-5 17th to catch Watson with a five-under 65 in the afternoon.

They trail only Jimenez, 45, the cigar-chomping Spaniard who has 15 victories on the European Tour but is still looking for his first in 2009. He made six birdies and no bogeys Thursday.

Nearly a third of the field shot under par.

“We definitely caught the golf course on a very benign

day,” said Mark O’Meara, 52. O’Meara, the 1998 Open champion and Watson’s fellow competitor on the Champions Tour, shot 67.

Several players — led by Stewart Cink, Steve Stricker and Camilo Villegas — came in at four-under 66, while pre-tournament favorite Tiger Woods struggled to a one-over 71.

“I certainly made a few mistakes out there today,” Woods said after being outplayed by both of his playing partners, teenager Ryo Ishikawa and Lee Westwood, who both shot 68.

“The misses I had were the same shots I was hitting on the range,” said Woods, who lost several shots to the right. “So I need to go work on that and get it squared away for tomorrow.”

When Watson won the 1977 Turnberry Open, the “Duel in the Sun,” Woods was a year old, still months away from his national television debut with Bob Hope on The Mike Douglas Show.

When Watson won his last of five British Opens, in 1983, Sergio Garcia, one of his two playing partners Thursday,

was 3.

Italian amateur Matteo Manassero, 16, the third member of their threesome, was still almost 10 years from conception.

All of which is to say that Watson is old. But he didn’t feel his age in his practice rounds, and he didn’t look it Thursday. As Jack Nicklaus proved when he contended at the 1998 Masters at 58, the golf ball doesn’t know how old you are.

“It doesn’t feel a whole lot out of the ordinary from 32 years ago,” Watson said. “Except that I don’t have the confidence in my putting as I had 32 years ago.”

Cink briefly got to five under before giving a stroke back at

the last to finish four under. He was part of a logjam at 66 that also included Australians Matthew Goggin and John Senden, Villegas and Stricker, who won last week’s John Deere Classic.

Watson seemed to be infallible, and said afterward, “There was something slightly spiritual about today.”

He got a text message from Barbara Nicklaus, wife of Jack, wishing him luck this week, and wrote back, “You know, we really miss you over here.” “And I really meant it,” Watson said after his round. “It’s not the same without Jack playing in the tournament.”

Yes and no. Watson’s score of 65 matched his Saturday and Sunday scores from 1977. □

SoCal teen becomes youngest person to sail around world solo



MARINA DEL REY, Calif. (AP) -- A 17-year-old Southern Californian has become the youngest person to sail around the world alone. Zac Sunderland docked Thursday in Marina del Rey, completing a 28,000-mile trip that began last year. His family, friends and hundreds of onlookers cheered as his 36-foot Intrepid boat entered the harbor.

But the shaggy-haired sailor from Thousand Oaks might not have the record for long. Britain’s Mike Perham is a few months younger and is sailing a bigger, faster boat.

The record was held by an Australian who was over 18 when he completed the voyage in 1996. Sunderland was 16 when he left Marina del Rey on June 14, 2008. □

McNair leaves no will; wife to administer estate



NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -- The widow of slain former NFL quarterback Steve McNair says in court documents that her husband left no will and a judge in Nashville has ruled that she will oversee his estate. Davidson County Probate Judge Randy Kennedy granted Mechelle McNair's request to administer the estate and gave her 60 days to file an inventory of her late husband's assets. She says in court documents that she did not know her late husband's worth, but documents contend it is "of sufficient size to be administered." Police say McNair was shot to death on July 4 by a girlfriend who later turned the gun on herself. Nashville police have ruled it a murder-suicide. Mechelle McNair listed herself and her two sons, Tyler and Trenton McNair, as the heirs to the estate. McNair also has two other sons from a previous relationship. □

Former gym owner subpoenaed in Clemens case



NEW YORK (AP) -- The Daily News is reporting that a former gym owner in the Houston area has been issued a subpoena by the Washington grand jury investigating whether Roger Clemens lied to Congress about using performance-enhancing drugs. The newspaper, in a story posted on its Web site that cited unidentified sources, reported Kelly Blair received on Monday the subpoena ordering him to appear before the grand jury. The Daily News also reported Blair told friends that several others associated with the gym, which was linked to the distribution of performance-enhancing drugs, have received subpoenas. 1-on-1 Elite Personal Fitness in Pasadena, Tex., closed last

year. Clemens' attorney, Rusty Hardin, did not return a call for comment by the Daily News. Trainer Brian McNamee has told Congress and federal investigators he injected Clemens with performance-enhancing drugs from 1998 to 2001 or 2002. Clemens has denied those claims. One of McNamee's attorneys, Richard Emery, said he believes

the subpoenas issued to Blair and his associates indicate the Justice Department has gone beyond McNamee's claims as it investigates Clemens. Shaun Kelley, owner of a Houston training center who denied meeting Clemens or providing the pitcher with illegal substances, told the Daily News he had not received a subpoena. Kelly said he had taken a polygraph test for FBI investigators in April. □

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Nicki Sorensen wins 12th stage of Tour

Lance Armstrong remained in third place



VITTEL, France (AP) -- Lance Armstrong remained in third place at the Tour de France on Thursday, scrambling back to the main pack following a punctured tire with about 37 miles left. Teammate and rival Alberto Contador of Spain stayed in second place and Rinaldo Nocentini of Italy kept the yellow jersey on a day Nicki Sorensen of Denmark won the 12th stage. "Up and down all day long

and was aggressive from the start," Armstrong said on his Twitter feed. Sorensen broke away and finished 48 seconds ahead of Laurent Lefevre of France. The 34-year-old Dane spent years as a support rider on Bjarne Riis's team and this was the first time he won a Tour stage. "It's a big thing for me to perform at this level at this age," he said. "I started bike racing when I was 19 and

I always hoped that I could maybe go on for many years, and I think it shows today that it is possible." Armstrong, the seven-time champion, rejoined the main pack after his mishap during the 131-mile ride from Tonnerre to Vittel. He pulled over to the side of the road while his team repaired a punctured back wheel. After a few moments, four teammates helped him catch up. Teammate Levi Leipheimer, who is fourth overall, fell off his bike nearly two miles from the finish in a crash involving two-time Tour runner-up Cadel Evans. Leipheimer had cuts and bruises on his right wrist, shoulder and back. He hopes to ride Friday. "My wrist hurts, but surprisingly it's OK. It could have been a lot worse," Leipheimer said. "I was a bit surprised by a left corner. ... My tire was sliding and I couldn't quite save my bike from sliding out."

Armstrong is taking a cautious approach until the three-week race reaches the Alps on Sunday. He said the flat stages were nerve-racking. "It is stressful with the crashes, on a stage like this where you have nothing to gain and then you lose everything because of a crash or a split in the group," the 37-year-old Texan said before the start. "You have to pay attention and try to avoid a crash."

Wednesday's stage was marred by several crashes and 19 riders were slightly injured. "Yesterday, there was no way to avoid that crash, if you were just behind it, you were going down," Armstrong said. "So that is something which keeps you up at night. You have to constantly pay attention. I try to give myself a bit of space from people in front of me so I have a bit of time to brake." Riders also learned that an earpiece ban scheduled for Friday's stage was overturned, allowing them to communicate by radio with team cars as usual. The ban was in place Tuesday and another was set for the 13th stage before the International Cycling Union reversed itself. Many riders and team directors called the ban dangerous. Organizers hoped the experiment would inject drama into the race by having riders fend for themselves. Sorensen was part of a lead group arriving several minutes in front of the

main pack. The group was unchallenged and the chasing pack -- including Nocentini, Contador and Armstrong -- was nearly six minutes back. "We let the breakaway go after four minutes," Nocentini said. "It's a tough stage tomorrow, but I'm already really happy and I will do my best to keep the yellow jersey." Seven riders managed to get away after about 40 miles, including Egoi Martinez, Franco Pellizotti, Remi Pauriol, Sylvain Calzati and Markus Fothen. The main pack let the breakaway go, with Mark Cavendish's Team Columbia-Highroad teammates not chasing. Cavendish has been the best sprinter on the Tour with four stage wins, including Tuesday and Wednesday. Calzati and Sorensen worked together to build a lead of 15 seconds with about six miles remaining, but Sorensen attacked with just more than a mile to go and the others could not follow. □



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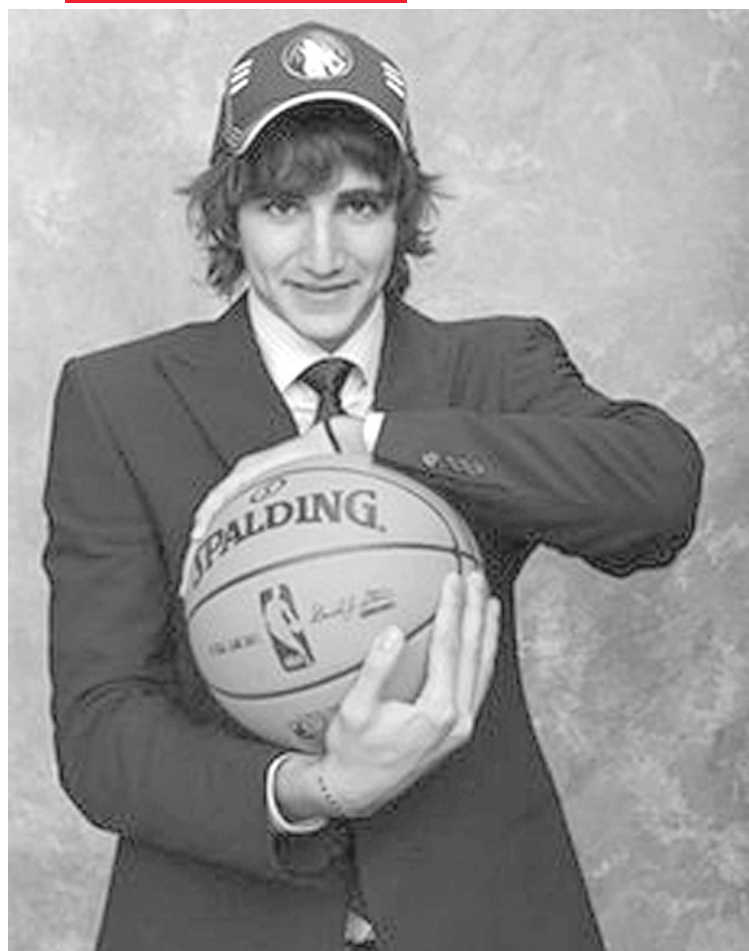
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Timberwolves GM headed to Spain to discuss Rubio contract buyout

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) -- The Minnesota Timberwolves cannot do much financially to help Ricky Rubio with a multimillion-dollar buyout of his contract with DKV Joventut in Spain.

So team president David Kahn is heading across the Atlantic to meet with the team personally in hopes of lowering the \$6.6 million price tag that has threatened to keep the wunderkind point guard in Europe for at least next season.

Kahn confirmed his plans to travel to Spain in a text message to The Associated Press on Thursday, but declined further comment, including when the trip will take place. It was first reported by YahooSports.com.

Rubio, who was drafted fifth overall by the Timberwolves in June, is still under contract with Joventut for the next two seasons. After helping Spain to a silver medal at the Beijing Olympics and playing in the Spanish ACB since the tender age of 14, the 18-year-old is ready to test his skills in the NBA.

The one thing holding him back appears to be money. Rubio made less than \$100,000 playing for Joventut last season, so it is no surprise that the prospect of being on the hook for millions of dollars before he even plays a game in the United States would give him pause.

Further complicating the matter is a rule in the NBA's collective bargaining agreement that stipulates the Timberwolves can only pay \$500,000 of that large sum to help offset the cost.

From the day Kahn drafted Rubio, to the delight of the Timberwolves fan base, the new president has taken a pragmatic approach to a sticky situation. He said the young and rebuilding team would be willing to wait year, or even two, if Rubio could not reach an agreeable buyout agreement with Joventut.

Before joining the NBA, Kahn was an attorney at the law firm Proskauer Rose, the same firm that produced NBA commissioner David Stern. That experience could help him as the Timberwolves try to navigate what he has called "a thorny" legal issue. "We will be totally supportive of Ricky and his family and (agent Dan) Fegan in any way, shape or form," Kahn said the day after Rubio was drafted. "If there's anything we can do to be of assistance or of help, as long as it is within the rules, we will." □

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Evo Morales llama 'traidores' a políticos que aceptan bases militares de E.U.

LA PAZ - El presidente agregó que los países latinoamericanos deben plantearse que "nunca más" haya bases militares extranjeras en la región para "hacer respetar la soberanía de los pueblos".

"Quiero decir (que los) políticos latinoamericanos que aceptan una base militar norteamericana en cualquier país de Latinoamérica son traidores de su país, traidores de su patria", dijo Morales, durante un homenaje al bicentenario de la revolución de La Paz.

El mandatario boliviano recordó que su Gobierno removió una instalación militar estadounidense que estaba situada en la región del trópico de Cochabamba (centro).

La Constitución Política del Estado (CPE) aprobada en el referendo de enero pasado prohíbe el asentamiento de bases militares extranjeras en el país.

Evo Morales también sostuvo que las Fuerzas Armadas de



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los países latinoamericanos deben "dejar de depender" de E.U. y abogó porque cada presidente busque "doctrinas propias" para sus militares.

El mandatario boliviano

ha endurecido su discurso contra Estados Unidos, luego de que la Administración de Barack Obama decidió

ratificar en junio pasado el

veto a Bolivia para acceder con preferencias arancelarias al mercado estadounidense.

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Durante una audiencia pública el miércoles, el ministro interino de Defensa de Colombia, el general Freddy Padilla, y el canciller, Jaime Bermúdez, dejaron claro que ese acuerdo de cooperación tiene por objeto la lucha contra el narcotráfico y el terrorismo dentro del territorio colombiano y que no afectaría a terceros Estados.

Padilla señaló hoy que en la negociación con Washington "no se ha tenido como referente base alguna en otro país", después de que en días pasados insistiera en que no se pretende trasladar a Colombia las operaciones de la base estadounidense de Manta en Ecuador, cuyas actividades cesarán este viernes.

El Gobierno venezolano desea recuperar la mitad de la concesión del canal opositor Globovisión

Caracas (EFE) - El Gobierno venezolano indicó ayer que "está usando mecanismos legales" para recuperar el 50 por ciento de la concesión estatal que le fue otorgada al canal opositor Globovisión para transmitir en señal abierta.

El anuncio lo hizo el ministro de Obras Públicas, Diosdado Cabello, en su condición de presidente de la Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (Conatel).

Cabello explicó que la concesión de la señal para Globovisión le fue otorgada a dos personas, una de las cuales falleció, por lo que al no ser "heredable" ni "transferible" la licencia estatal, ésta debe volver a manos del Estado.

"La concesión de Globovisión fue entregada a dos personas. Una de esas personas murió y de eso estamos usando los mecanismos legales para que el Estado recupere el 50 por ciento de una concesión que se le entregó a dos personas, porque eso no es heredable", dijo Cabello a la prensa.

"Que lloren y chillen, que nosotros vamos a cumplir con lo que está establecido en la ley", señaló el presidente de Conatel al insistir en que no será negociada esa mitad de la concesión.

El Gobierno cataloga a Globovisión como una emisora "golpista" que "dirige" a la oposición venezolana a través de los contenidos que emite contra cualquier decisión oficial desde su "laboratorio de guerra sucia". □

Chávez: Tensión en Honduras puede acabar en "guerra civil en Centroamérica"

El Presidente venezolano aseguró además que el depuesto Manuel Zelaya está dispuesto incluso a arriesgar su propia vida con el propósito de retornar a Honduras.

La Paz - El Mandatario Venezolano Hugo Chávez señaló ayer en La Paz, en el marco de las celebraciones del bicentenario boliviano, que la tensa situación que se vive en Honduras puede terminar con una guerra civil que pudiera extenderse a Centroamérica.

"La situación de Honduras tiende a complicarse, se tensa más, y ojalá, Dios no lo quiera, pero pudiera terminar en una guerra civil que pudiera desparramarse sobre Centroamérica", dijo Chávez en La Paz, donde participa en las celebraciones del bicentenario del grito libertario.

El líder venezolano dijo que Manuel Zelaya, depuesto presidente de Honduras y su aliado político, está dispuesto a regresar a Honduras a retomar la presidencia, y hasta morir ingresando a su país por tierra o mar.

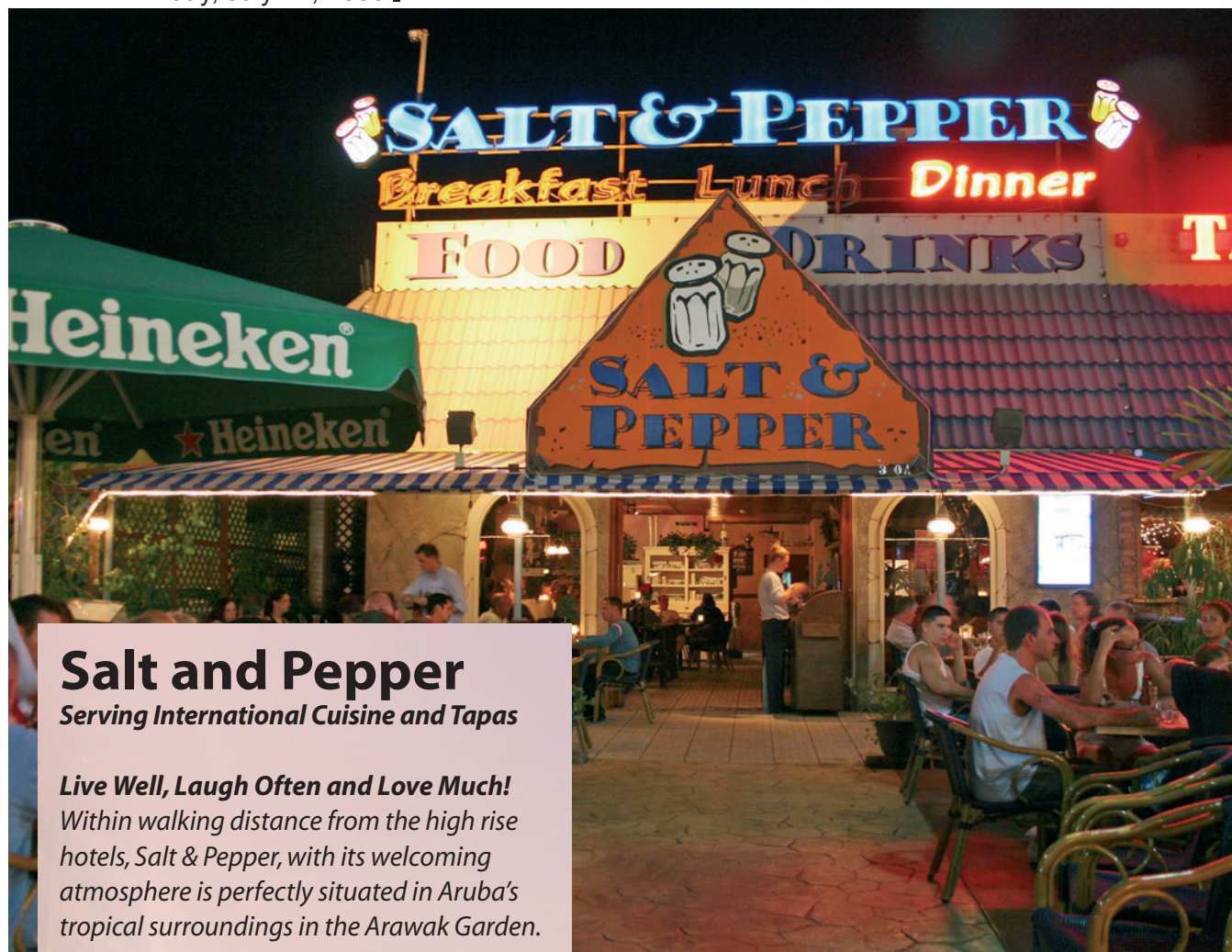
Chávez dijo que habló con Zelaya por teléfono el miércoles, aunque no precisó dónde se encontraba el mandatario centroamericano.

"Ayer (miércoles) conversé por teléfono con él (Zelaya) y me dijo: Hugo, yo no sé si voy a morir, pero yo voy a Honduras (...); el Presidente Zelaya está dispuesto a ingresar a Honduras", afirmó Chávez en conferencia de prensa.

El Presidente venezolano acotó que durante su charla Zelaya le confesó: "Honduras tiene muchas fronteras de tierras y agua, yo no voy a estar dando vueltas por el mundo, no voy a terminar dando lástima, prefiero morir en territorio hondureño".

Este propósito coincidió con una declaración de la depuesta canciller, Patricia Rodas (que llegó a La Paz en el avión de Chávez), quien señaló que Zelaya está en camino a su país. Chávez recordó que Zelaya intentó sin éxito retornar por vía aérea a Tegucigalpa, a pocos días de la asonada militar.

El depuesto gobernante se encontraría en Nicaragua, tras estar el martes en Guatemala, desde donde llamó a sus simpatizantes a una "insurrección" si el régimen de facto de Roberto Michelletti se resiste a dejar el poder, en la eventualidad de que fracasen las negociaciones que se realizan en Costa Rica con la mediación del presidente Oscar Arias. □



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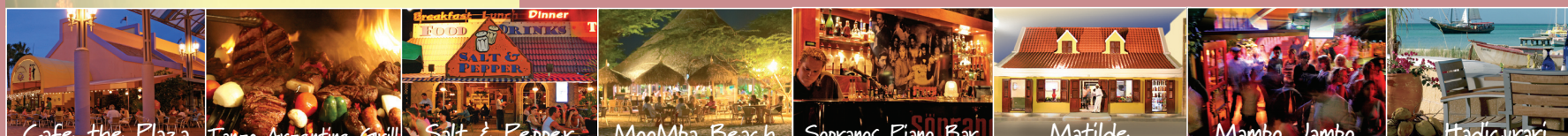
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